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ATTRACTIVE LYCEUM COURSE

High Class Entertainment Is Promised by Lyceum Course.

The Almanian is glad of the chance to call the attention of its readers to the attractive series of entertainments offered this year by the management of the Lyceum Course. For fifteen years this course has furnished the highest of entertainment, and provided the best platform talent available for the benefit of both college and town. The Lyceum Course has been successful in the past as the popularity of the course with both students and town people has fully attested.

The Lyceum Course is an established feature of our college life. There will be no side line in Alma College or its associations this year which will offer the same measure of culture and entertainment as the Lyceum Course. Before a few weeks have passed, and the various college activities get going in full swing, the students will find themselves in great difficulties trying to decide just what entertainments they should attend. Then, that well known thought, "The art of living is the art of choosing the best," will come ringing across our minds. The student who fails to avail themselves of the opportunity of attending the Lyceum Course will miss probably the greatest privilege, certainly from the cultural and entertainment standpoint, that will come to him this year. The course this year will be worth the sacrifice of a few petty pleasures and unnecessary attractions. It was said of John Wanamaker, "that he went without his supper many times to buy a book." We advocate that the exceptional attractions of the Lyceum Course this year will be worth going without supper to attend.

Miss Frances Ingram, prima donna contralto of the Chicago and Montreal Grand Opera Companies, who appears on the first program of the Lyceum Course this year, has probably achieved the most phenomenal success of any contralto singer in recent memory.

Gifted with one of the most beautiful contralto voices extant, and with a personality at once charming and magnetic, it is easy to understand why Miss Ingram has made for herself so quickly a firm place in the affections of American music lovers.

Burton Thatcher, bass baritone, phenomenal success in oratorio and recital, has been the musical sensation of the last few seasons. Four years ago he was practically unknown, and in a short period he has achieved a success which has placed him among the few greatest artists in the concert and oratorio field today.

Ng Poon Chew, Chinese Statesman and Journalist, is the man who knows the Far East and can shed light upon the perplexing problems of that territory. Dr. Ng Poon Chew is thoroughly acquainted with the facts. A native of China, he knows her national spirit and her traditions. His lectures snap with vivid, accurate and most interesting descriptions of Chinese thought and conviction. He presents his problems from the standpoint of world-wide interests. His sense of humor has made him popularly called the "Chinese Mark Twain."

James A. Burns, president Oneida Institute. "Burns of the Mountains." A Southern Mountaineer who is remaking his own people. Ex-deputy State Superintendent of Public Instruction of Indiana in speaking of Mr. Burns said, "He is horny-handed from severe struggles and battle scarred from righteous fights. He is a real colonel of true manhood. He speaks from an honest heart and an upright purpose. His lecture refreshes one as does the pure cool breezes from the mountains."

Russell H. Conwell is the most popular lecturer in the world, which statement can be sustained by the statistics of lecture bureaus. His lec-

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THE FRESHMAN SPREAD

Having chosen the 14th of October, a lucky day as every one knows, the Freshman spread proved to be a tremendous success. Of course the jungle was the scene of activity, and Miss Hitchcock was chaperon, for where else could Freshmen go and who other than Miss Hitchcock could be a Freshman caretaker. When the Wright Hall inhabitants appeared upon the scene, the "dense forest" was brightly illuminated by a huge bon-fire, which had previously been constructed by the younger members of Pioneer Hall. The Freshmen, though appearing shy and awkward among their elders, are decidedly different when left to themselves, and everyone aimed to make the occasion an enjoyable one. "Drop the Handkerchief," "Three Deep," and many other games added to the merriment of the evening. At six o'clock everyone gathered around the fire and roasted "weenies," eating "red-hots" and drinking coffee to their heart's content. Of course lunch rolls were in prominence, for who can have a spread without them? To cap the climax, the college songs were sung and several readings were given by Miss Hitchcock, after which the picnickers repaired to Wright Hall to attend the mass meeting, regretting that 7:30 had arrived so soon.

BIG DAY FOR ALPHA THETA

That the new girls may have an opportunity to see the merits of both girls' societies before pledging themselves to either, an open party and meeting is given by the two societies and the new college girls are in this way allowed to make a fair choice.

Saturday the Alpha Theta girls gave their open party. It took place in the form of a track meet, and the opposing strength of the new girls was keenly felt by Alpha Theta, inasmuch as they were defeated by their guests in many events. This form of amusement served as only a small part of the afternoon's entertainment, and the Alpha Theta Band must be given a large part of the credit for the wonderful musical ability they demonstrated in their clever selections.

After the events of the meet had been run off the girls repaired to the jungle, where refreshments were served and stump speeches listened to with great enjoyment.

Marie Doane Entertains

After the party in the afternoon, the big day for Alpha Theta had only just begun, as we were royally entertained at the home of one of our members, Marie Doane.

"Hallowe'en" was the first thought that one had as we entered the house, it being lighted throughout with Jack O'Lanterns. This idea was carried out beautifully all during the evening by many typical games and pranks.

The crowning feature of the evening however, was the fortune telling. The services of a long famous fortune teller had been secured, and the many facts revealed to the girls both of the past and future were indeed marvelous. After every girl had had her palm read she enjoyed the dainty refreshments served so delightfully by our hostess.

Every one had a time that will never be forgotten and Alpha Theta may well mark last Saturday as one of her many "Red Letter Days."

PHI PHI ALPHA

The Phi's have launched into the literary work for the coming year.

Initiation was continued Monday evening and William Fulcher was received into the society.

Mr. Sanchez read a very interesting paper on "The Building of Republic Motor Trucks."

This was followed with a talk by "Steve" Nisbet. "Steve" gave a little impression of what the older members stand for.

The program closed with a merry feed.

INTERESTING PRAYER MEETING

Meeting Held Wednesday Evening Well Attended and Very Helpful.

"Salvation and Service" was the subject of Prayer Meeting last Wednesday evening. Mr. Robert McAllister was the leader. The discussion was filled with good thought.

Scripture lesson: Romans 10:1-10.

I have chosen the ninth verse as a sort of text for what I have to say this evening. You will note that there are two conditions given as necessary requisites to salvation. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." We all live up to the latter one, for we all believe that God raised Christ from the dead, but aside from that we seem to think we can save ourselves without the help of God and with out serving Him. Every summer at a certain bathing beach can be seen two men dressed in bathing attire sitting on the beach ready to lend assistance to any one in danger. One day the crowd's attention was suddenly drawn to a man at some little distance from the shore wildly waving for help. Immediately one of the rescuers was in the water and swimming toward him. As he reached the drowning man he swam around him several times avoiding the clutches of the former until he gave up. Then he brought him into shore. As the crowd gathered round one bystander said rather indignantly, "Why did you let this man nearly drown before you rescued him?" The rescuer replied, "I could not save this man until he quit trying to save himself." And that is just the way with us. God cannot save us until we stop depending on ourselves entirely. We must serve with his help and service. is the other condition mentioned for that is one way of confessing the Lord Jesus.

Here were mentioned some present day men of great service to God.

Of course, we must have a purpose in life, for as one writer says, "Pep without service is piffle!"

One evangelist, Jas. H. Cole, whom I used to know a number of years ago, had this motto which I still remember, "Get right with God, then serve the Lord."

By way of suggestion for other remarks, I might say that one way of being of service is to be a true friend. We greet each other here in college, but few take time to become real friends.

Here is a verse which I picked up this summer:

"They have written rhymes about Mother and Dad, about Brother and Sister, too,

But, say, my friend, did they ever write a rhyme that was just for you?"

If I were a poet, I'd write some verse about my kin, 'tis true

But I'd stick in one real good, long line for a real good friend like you."

Dr. Clizbe was present and gave a short, interesting talk. The leader expressed the sentiments of all present when he said that we are always glad to have Dr. Clizbe attend our meetings whenever possible.

PHILOMATHEAN

The Philomathean Literary Society held its annual open meeting for the new college girls Monday evening October 18th. Our patronesses Mrs. Notestein and Mrs. Randels, also our honorary members, Miss Waite, Miss Hitchcock and Miss Foote were present.

The meeting was conducted in the usual manner and after the business was transacted a very interesting program was given. Roll call was responded to by classical quotations. The two impromptus, "The Armorer of Nations" by Miss Adelaide Ballou, and "Belgium Under the Germans" by Miss Mary Rubert brought out many interesting things concerning the present war.

Miss Armoretta DeWitt then told us of her work with "Moths and Butterflies" during the past summer. She showed us many of her beautiful specimens which she had artistically mounted and gave many helpful suggestions to the girls who wished to take up this work. Miss DeWitt has as large a collection of "Moths" as did Gene Stratton Porter's "Girl of the Limberlost" and only this summer found three large Luna moths.

The musical part of the program consisted of a piano solo by Miss Lydia Resseguiue and a vocal solo by Miss Merie McKay, both of which were very well rendered.

The meeting then adjourned to a "taffy pull and get acquainted half hour." Talking was out of the question, so each one smiled and pulled and smiled again.

The evening ended by rousing yells for the new girls and guests.

JUNIOR GATHERING AT WRIGHT HALL

It was a jolly bunch that took its place at a long table prettily decorated with autumn leaves and candles artistically arranged underneath the floating Junior colors, blue and white.

Did you say Junior?
"Are we all dead yet?"
Are we all dead yet?
No! by golly, there twenty-five yet."

Peach pie, a la mode, coffee, jam, olives, radishes, devils food, until the tables groined under the weight of good things to eat.

The hall resounded with the Sophomore and Freshman cheers for us, and the Senior peep.

Nine rahs and the college yell were given for our honorable classmate, the worthy captain of the football team, Mark Spinney. Then in turn we cheered MacAuley, Chet, Brud, and Scoop, thus showing the Juniors' appreciation for our excellent showing on the football squad. It was almost in vain to yell for Nip to come back from squandering his nickles in the telephone booth.

Before we parted a rousing cheer was given for our popular Class President, Errol Stafford.

The feast was topped off by the Junior going down in a body, followed by the rest of the college, to see the team off.

MEETING OF FACULTY CLUB

Holds First Meeting at Home of Rev. Mason.

On Friday evening, October 22nd, the Alma College Faculty Club held its first meeting of the present college year at the home of Rev. W. H. Mason, who with his wife had kindly invited members of the Alma College Faculty, their wives, resident members of the College Board of Trustees and members of the Ladies' Advisory Board of Alma College, to enjoy an evening with them. The occasion was a most profitable one, for the club had the pleasure of hearing an entertaining lecture on a "Trip to Norway and Sweden, delivered by President Grawn of the Central Michigan Normal College. President Grawn in a most forceful manner presented the contributions of the Scandinavian countries in the realms of art, science, and literature, commenting particularly on the work of Thorwaldson, Linnaeus, and Ibsen. Longfellow's debt to Scandinavian literature, the low per cent of illiteracy among the people, the high grade universities of Upsala and Christiania, the magnificent theatres supported at public expense, the Scandinavian claim to the discovery of America, and the impeccable honesty and cleanliness prevailing in Scandinavian cities, were subjects discussed with much ardor by the speaker, who is intensely loyal to his Scandinavian ancestry.

At this meeting officers were elected for the year with Dr. McCurdy as president and Dr. Randalls as secretary. Mention must also be made of the excellent selections rendered by the Presbyterian Male Quartet composed of Messrs. Moore, White, Bistline, and Schultz, who added much to the enjoyment of the evening. Not only is the faculty of Alma College to be congratulated on the success of this occasion, but also on the interest manifested in such an organization as is the Faculty Club, which has for its purpose a better social acquaintance and a greater common interest in certain specific matters of educational achievement. Papers are to be presented from time to time dealing themes of special investigation which members are pursuing, and occasionally as in the present instance, a visiting lecturer is to be invited to make an address. In fact by having such a club Alma College ranks itself along with the leading universities of the country where similar organizations are maintained with much profit.

THE CHORAL UNION

More interest seems to be taken in the Choral Union this year than ever before. The meetings have been well attended and Conductor Veatch is pleased with the fine work done. At the last meeting officers were elected for the coming year. G. V. Wright was elected president, Miss Cook secretary, and Oscar Anderson business manager and treasurer.

The Club is now working on Handel's "Messiah," which will be presented with visiting soloist and orchestra assisting, sometime before Christmas. This custom of giving the "Messiah" each year at Christmas time is one of the finest influences to create the right Christmas spirit. It is hoped that the rendering of the great Oratorio may be made a permanent fixture to our Christmas activities in Alma.

The Choral Society is an organization which is the thermometer of the musical enthusiasm of our college. If you are interested in music or think that you want to sing, join the Choral Club. If you want Alma to be known as a musical center and to have the opportunity of hearing famous musical artists, then do your part in helping the Choral Club have a successful year. The plans for the winter concerts and the May Festival have not yet been entirely completed, but they surely will be worthy of our support.

1915	ALMA LYCEUM COURSE	1916
	"The Town and Gown" Course	
	Fourteenth Season	
Wednesday, November 3rd	- - - - -	The Schuman Quintet
Tuesday, November 16th	- - - - -	Francis Ingram, Contralto
Tuesday, December 14th	- - - - -	Ng Poon Chew
Tuesday, January 18th	- - - - -	Russell H. Conwell
Friday, February 4th	- - - - -	Burton Thatcher, Baritone
Wednesday, February 16th	- - - - -	Zola McLaren
Friday, March 3rd	- - - - -	James A. Burns
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EDITORIALS

We wish to apologize for the error in date and number of the last issue. In the hurry to get the paper on the press, the printer neglected to change the date.

The student body will be systematically canvassed within the next two weeks for subscriptions. We need the money now. However, if it is impossible for anyone to pay, we have decided to give him an opportunity to pay at a later time, the date to be fixed according to personal desire.

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FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

- October 2nd, Notre Dame at South Bend, Indiana.
- October 9th, M. A. C. at Lansing.
- October 16, Hillsdale at Alma.
- October 23rd, Kazoo Normal at Kalamazoo.
- October 30th, Albion at Alma.
- November 6th, Open.
- November 13, Olivet at Olivet.

Spooner—"Say, what's that Clarence's last name? I mean the one that writes to Maw."

MR. MOORE'S CLASS

Five years ago Mr. H. C. Moore organized a young men's class in the Presbyterian Sunday School. Although it was not very large at that time, yet it formed the nucleus of what has since become an organization of about forty members. Even though it is composed, in large part, of students, yet it has never been exclusive but always open to all.

This year the class has adopted a program of Character Studies which are expected to be very much worth while. Mr. Moore wishes to invite and welcome every Alma man to visit the class.

We believe this is an opportunity no one can afford to miss. The chance to come into close personal touch with a Christian man and leader, to study the characters of Old Testament men is an opportunity the value of which cannot be reckoned in dollars and cents.

We print the year's program below: Adam, the Child, Mr. Moore, Noah, the Renewer, Mr. Bahlke, Abraham, the Cosmopolitan, Dr. Beshgetoor,

Lot, the Lingerer, Mr. Notestein, Ishmael, the Outcast, Mr. Sarvis, Melchisedeck, the UnCanonical, Mr. Vender,

Isaac, the Domesticated, Mr. MacAuley,

Jacob, the Aspiring, Mr. Burch, Moses, the Practical, Mr. Thuerau, Aaron, the Vaccillating, Mr. M. Smith,

Caleb, the Explorer, Mr. A. Beshgetoor,

Joshua, the Prosaic, Mr. Warner, Boaz, the Kind, Mr. Schermerhorn,

Deborah, the Prophetess, Mr. Johnson,

Gideon, the Humble, Mr. Spinney, Sampson, the Athletic, Mr. Jackson,

Samuel, the Seer, Mr. McAllister, Saul, the Fickle-minded, Mr. Seely,

David, the Many-sided, Mr. Coleman, Jonathan, the Generous, Mr. Bacon,

Mepheboeth, the Deformed, Mr. Peters,

Solomon, the Wise, Mr. Case, Jereboam, the Demagogue, Mr. McIntyre,

Elijah, the Impulsive, Mr. Sanchez, Elisha, the Imitative, Mr. Hudson,

Jonah, the Narrow, Mr. Craig, Hezekiah, the Devout, Mr. Chet Robinson,

Isaiah, the Philanthropist, Mr. White, Jeremiah, the Melancholy, Mr. McFarlane,

Ezekiel, the Individualist, Mr. VanDuzen,

Ezra, the Scribe, Mr. Veatch,

Job, the Patient, Nehemiah, the Reconstructionist, Mr. Maxwell, Daniel, the Daring, Mr. Kennedy.
CAN YOU, ALMA MAN, AFFORD TO MISS THIS

FRESHMEN—IT'S TOO GOOD TO KEEP

After the selected group of Sophomores, skillful as they were, had transported Thurau, leader of the Verdants, to Saginaw in Jessup's machine and then shipped him via P. M. to Bay City, they thought to enjoy themselves by seeing the movies at the Franklin. This decided upon, they drove around the city until they finally located the Franklin, parked their machine directly in front, and hurried in to see the sights. Can you imagine their confusion, when upon returning they could not locate their machine? However, a cop was at hand who ordered them all to headquarters. You can imagine the thoughts of despair and consternation that passed across their mind.

Well, to make the affair understood and to clear up suspicions, let us state that the fellows were really not altogether to blame for this happenstance. The cop's complaint was that they had parked their machine in a SAFETY ZONE. However, after earnest endeavor on the part of all to explain that they were wholly ignorant of the fact that they had parked in a SAFETY ZONE, notwithstanding the fact that the safety posts stood staring them in the face, the Chief of Police spoke kindly to them, warning them that it should not happen again, and dismissed them. With dampened enthusiasm they secured their machine and gladly set out for Alma.

FACTS, NOT FANCIES

It's a poor back who doesn't know where the whole should be.

In football a straight line isn't always the shortest way to the goal.

The charge of a good line should cumulative not merely irritating.

A buffoon in a ballroom may make the giant guard of a football team.

Coaches with small heads are apt to have the biggest dreams.

His punting and drops are a treat, His speed and his dodgings are neat,

But he can't catch the ball Or tackle at all—

The fact is his hands are all feet.—Ex.

Irene—"Don't you think travel brings out all there is in one?"

Ira—"Yes, especially ocean travel." —Judge.

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RALPH E. RAYCRAFT

Ralph E. Raycraft, '08, graduated from the Alma High School in 1895. He taught school four years and spent five years in the ministry. While serving as pastor in Alma in 1903 he decided to take a college course and entered Alma in the fall of 1904.

During his four years in college he was active in literary work and debate. After graduating from the classical course with the degree of A. B., he became president of the A. M. Chesbrough Seminary, North Chili, N. Y., where he won distinction as an able teacher and administrator.

In 1911 he entered the University of Michigan and pursued graduate study in Education, psychology and sociology, taking the Master's degree in the summer of 1912. Since that time he has been Superintendent of Schools at Wayne, Michigan. The school board has shown its appreciation of the worth and work of Mr. Raycraft by electing him the fourth time with an increase of salary each year. His broad experience as a teacher and minister has fitted him well for the responsible position of a Superintendent of Schools, and he is winning a place among the strong schoolmen of Michigan.

In 1910 he was married to Miss Adelia Michael of Alma, a graduate of Spring Arbor Seminary, this state. He has an interesting family of three children, Bernice Marie aged fourteen, a second year student in the high school; Doris Alma aged nine years, and Kenneth Ely aged four years.

Alma College has a warm friend in Superintendent Raycraft. He is an Alma product, having spent the greater part of his life in Gratiot Co. One of the things he is saying about Alma is, "Alma possesses a high moral tone and has a right to the title, 'A College for Character.'"

"STEVE" NISBET, '47, VISITS AT CLARE

From mysterious sources we are informed that "Steve" after spending the week end on the Campus, journey-

ed on to Clare where, we are further informed, Miss Jessie Duncanson, K. G. '15, has charge of a department in the public schools. The Almanian has since had word from "Steve" to the effect that the extra time, etc., spent while at Clare was to a very profitable as well as encouraging purpose. The Almanian Staff has great respect for "Stevens" ideals, and hope that very shortly we will be able to make public announcement—of his attitude toward us. At any rate, we are more than glad to say that unless the unexpected happens, "Steve" will be back with us next year. Good cheer "Steve", and don't fail us.

Rev. M. L. Marshall, '09, is now pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Ionia. Marshall came to Alma in 1903, entering the academy at that time. His college work was chiefly done in the literary department. He was a participator in all branches of college activities. Aside from being active in Phi Phi Alpha and Y. M. C. A. he was secretary of the Triangular Debating League and Vice-President of the M. I. A. A. Marshall played football four years, was captain of the baseball team in '05 and was active in basket ball and track. In 1905 he won the college wrestling championship. After being graduated in 1909, he spent three years in the McCormick Theological Seminary where he was president of his class. In 1911 he married Miss Leta L. Gilbert. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall have one daughter, Marion Leta. In April 1914, he moved his family from Paw Paw where he had been pastor of the Presbyterian Church to his present charge at Ionia where he is doing excellent work.

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President- Linton Melvin,
 Vice-President- Ruth Weston,
 Secretary- Ralph Craig,
 Treasurer- Bertha Swanson.

tie., voted on the debate questions submitted by the committee. Fir< choice was "Military Training," and the second had to do with a Tariff Board. Both questions, especially the first, are very much up-to-date and promise fine debates. After the other colleges have submitted their choices, a final vote will be taken.- From Anchor Hope.

Q E R V I C E is our motto and service is what you get, If you want the BEST HAIR

C U T and tonsorial work come here, we can

deliver the goods, ask the older hoys in school

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sophomor. "gangsters" and proved to be one of the chief disturbers.