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ARE YOU GOING TO OLIVET SATURDAY?

VERY ENTERTAINING NUMBER

Schumann Quintet. First Number on Lyceum Course Pleases Large Audience.

The Alma Lyceum Course presented its first number last Wednesday evening. The concert of the Schumann Quintet was above the usual and was appreciated by a large audience.

Mr. Carl Lampert who is the director and likewise the first violinist introduced the program. This program was made up of selections from the romantic classics. He said he hoped they would have class without the sick.

The first number was the overture from Der Freischutz. It was composed by Von Weber in 1820. Der Freischutz literally means a free marksman who shoots with charmed bullets. And by its name you know it is a German Opera. One could feel the mystery of the forest, the song of the bird as the artists played. Then too, the cynical power of evil and the final Triumph of Love and Virtue were brought out very clearly.

Three selections from the most perfect of Operas, "Carmen," were played. Although written by Bizet, a Frenchman, the scene is laid in Seville, Spain, and has all the vigor, fancy and enchantment of that country. Habanera, the famous song which Carmen sings to Escamillo as she dances for him was wonderful. The Toreador Song stirred everyone with its passion and its vigor.

Miss Fortune sang "A Song of La Provence." La Provence has the greenest of grasses, the bluest of skies, and the happiest of people. Miss Fortune has a lyric soprano voice of exceptional range and purity. It possesses great strength and fullness. She also sang, "I Love You."

"The Waiting Melody" from Madam Butterfly gave the Italian interpretation of the romantic opera. It was filled with soft pathetic music and the weirdness of the orient. The cello solos were wonderful, showing good technique and delicacy of tone. The Nocturne was delightful, and "Old Black Joe" brought tears into many eyes. The descriptive fantasy "In the Clock Store" was very humorous. The imitation of the striking and ticking were decidedly clever. "Love's Old Sweet Song" softened the hilarity in the room and brought us back to romance. Mr. Lambert's violin solo was the "Folk song of Vienna." This was written by Fritz Christel, who is said to be one of the greatest composers, for he not only satisfies the musician, but he satisfies our own hearts. The wild weird note of the Hungarian thrilled us as he played. "To a Wild Rose," composed by Edward McDowell. The "Lorelei" exemplifies romance among the people. It is a paraphrase of Folk setting, with weirdness and the superstition of German peasant and the beauty of the German Rhine running through it. The rendering of it made one see Lorelei combing her hair of gold, and hear the chant and shouts of the sailor below. The last was the National March of Hungary. It was so filled with feeling that to march to that music would take away some of the horrors of war. The company showed expert training, good technique and clear interpretation. The evening was most delightful and too short by half.

ALPHA THETA

The open meeting for the new college girls was given last week and in this way the work of the Literary Society was demonstrated to those intending to join a college society this year. Roll call was responded to by one's favorite quotation, and two very interesting impromptus were given by Marion Cooper and Violet Elliott. Next a vocal solo which was followed by a splendid paper on "Woman's Place in Industry," which was delivered.

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FROEBEL STREET FAIR

Originality is surely another name for the Froebel Society. One would judge so from the many successful and enjoyable entertainments they give us each year.

Last Friday evening the type of entertainment was one of the newest and most unique in the history of the Society.

As you approached the Gym the sounds that greeted you were many and strange. The musical voices of the barkers for the numerous attractions entreated every one to witness the latest and last production of the charming play "Clementine," or see the famous "floating lady," the "Wild Bearded Lady," the "Fattest Woman in the Universe," or the "World's Renowned Swimming Match."

The dog show demonstrated talent that one has never known existed in the town. The tricks were clever and well executed.

Many people were pinched by the traffic cops who greeted everyone as they entered with, "Park your cars in front of the 'Franklin'" and "Keep to the right ladies and gentlemen."

Refreshments were supplied at the booths fitted up for that purpose, and it made you think of the old County Fair where mother and father and the kids journeyed to the city to see all the sights.

One cannot say too much in commendation of the entertainments the Froebel girls give each year. They are many and the co-operation and stick-to-it-iveness of each girl manifested itself the other night when we all went to see the result of the labor of the past several days. Everyone realizes that the Froebel girls have a full and busy day, and when you think of teaching little youngsters all the morning and learning how to teach them all the afternoon, it is not hard to believe that when night "comes round" there are many things one would rather do than perform before a group of unappreciative people. But you never find this true of our girls. Every one of them was right there doing her share of the work and getting her share of the fun out of it. It's one thing to be an entertainer and another thing to like to entertain. But if Froebel does not like this task she conceals it well and that is why everyone had such a good time at the street fair.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES

Rev. Jackson closed his delightful series of talks yesterday. I think the program committee are fortunate to get so learned a man for our meetings. Meetings have been better attended than previously, and I know each girl has received something vital from each talk. The subject was "Christ Jesus." What a big broad picture we received of our Saviour. How personally He was brought to us. How wonderfully we were impressed. Our work at the Masonic Home is progressing very well. Our programs are interesting not only to the Home people but the girls who go really enjoy them too. Miss Hitchcock has been so good as to read for the people. Everyone forgot themselves and went into spasms of laughter at her tales. All of them asked us to bring her again. Mr. Robinson, one of the occupants of the Home offered to read for us and play his banjo. He is quite a musician.

Miss Waite, our representative at the "Jubilee" gave a most interesting talk at the Cabinet Meeting. She told us all the plans of the "Jubilee." The "Jubilee" is to be in March. Also what the word "Jubilee" meant, and something of the work that the Y. W. does. We don't realize what a vast organization we belong to until we get in touch with our national field. We are looking forward to our week in March and expect to have a very impressive week, and to do some things that will give you an idea of the vastness of Y. W. work in the world.

ALMA AND THE M. I. A. A. TITLE

What Must Be Done to Win Saturday in Order to Win the Title.

Team	won	tied	lost	percent
Albion	2	1	0	1,000
Olivet	2	1	0	1,000
Alma	1	1	0	1,000
Kalamazoo	2	0	1	667
Hillsdale	1	1	2	333
Adrian	0	0	4	000

I was requested to place before you our title chances. What are they? Well, offhand one might say poor, and point to Olivet-Alma games of past years, which the dusty newspaper files, will show have been won with regularity during the past fifteen years, only four breaks having been made in that time. Our title chances, what are they? Eleven men working together as a machine, well drilled, with good plays, and Ye Olde Alma Spirit, those are our chances, I would say. And I might add that they are mighty good chances, backed up as they will be by a bunch of reliable substitutes and a good bunch of Alma fans, fans with the spirit of those who ventured to Olivet two years ago, and stood on the side lines for an hour, during the hardest kind of a rain storm, all urging their team on.

Our title chances are fine. With no game last Saturday, every man on the squad will be in the best of shape to go in and battle his hardest against the Crimson. Alma will face the Olivet team with the strongest lineup that Alma has had together this season. We know what we did against M. A. C. in the first quarter of that game. Startled them is placing it mildly. We also know how a crippled Alma team, outbattled Hillsdale and won, when if anything, Hillsdale was the stronger. Our chances are fine.

By winning over Olivet Alma will assume a position that will give her a tie for first honors at worst, and two to one chances on being alone at the top, when the M. I. A. A. season ends with the Albion-Olivet game a week from Saturday. If I may spill a little dope, it can easily be shown. It will be taken for granted that Alma will win.

Alma defeating Olivet will place the Crimson out of the race. Albion is then the lone contender with Alma. Albion still has two hard M. I. A. A. games, Kalamazoo College this week Saturday and Olivet a week later. To keep her slate clean Albion must win both. Only with a clean slate could she tie Alma.

If it should happen, however, that Alma is defeated, the Maroon and Cream will drop out of the race. Then Albion would still be forced to win two games to win the title, and Olivet to take the title would be forced to defeat Albion after taking the scalp of Alma.

In case all three teams lose one game this way—Albion to Kalamazoo, Alma to Olivet, and Olivet to Albion—then there will ensue a three cornered tie for the title, between Kalamazoo, Albion and Olivet.

But then, what's the use of going on with this dope. It has already been shown that Alma will win, and next Saturday night Alma College will celebrate. Alma will win, and let Albion tie for the honors if she can. (Written for the Almanian by Homer Dunham).

WRIGHT HALL NEWS

Miss Amoretta DeWitt spent the week end with her brother, Dr. Leslie DeWitt in Kalamazoo and went to Ann Arbor Saturday to the Michigan-Cornell game.

Misses Bernice Ireland and Josephine Hall were in Ann Arbor over Sunday and attended the big game Saturday.

Miss Hope Rose spent the week end at her home in Ashley.

PHILOMATEAN JAPANESE FETE

Yesterday evening the Philomathean Literary Society entertained the new girls who are enrolled in the college department, with a Japanese party. The gymnasium was gaily decorated and brightly lighted with Japanese lanterns for the fete.

The program called for dances, strange in name but soon discovered to be well known. Huge chrysanthemums atop heads full of fun added a gay touch to the charming Japanese costumes.

The feature dances of the evening were many and varied. Gaily colored serpentines were strewn everywhere after a delightful waltz. Music was furnished by each couple for their dance in the "Hong Kong" (honk honk) waltz. Little favors such as bells, whistles, rattles, tin horns and "bones" produced a noise which resembled some sorts of Oriental music with which we are familiar. Everyone likes to dance in the moonlight and Japanese are no exception to this rule, at least Japanese-American girls are not. Joss sticks added their feeble glow as well as their fragrance to the lone crescent that hung high in the East. "Spring Showers" brought confetti in showers, hurled down and upward by merry girls who delighted to pelt each other.

During an intermission the weary ones refreshed themselves with bananas, a large bunch of which hung suspended in the center of the room. The refreshments were the last reminders of a pleasant evening unless dreams could recall the gay time. Rice soup was served, "straws" serving as a close friend to chop-sticks. "Slush" of a heavenly nature was the next in order on the menu, accompanied by tea, and ice cream cones ended the evening happily.

The patronesses of the Society, Mrs. Notestein and Mrs. Randels, assisted the hostesses of the evening. The honorary members, Miss Waite and Miss Hitchcock, were also present.

The girls had a delightful time. They always do, but this was better than the ordinary. It was interesting, there was not a dull moment, and the end came all too soon. The party deserves to be recorded in the school annals as a delightful and unique occasion.

MRS. KELLY ENTERTAINS

On Tuesday evening, November 2nd several college students attended and very much enjoyed a unique entertainment and spread given by Mrs. Edna Kelly, at her home on West Superior Street. Truly, such an event is well recorded in the memory of everyone attending.

Miss Josephine Reiser spent the week end in Mt. Pleasant.

OUR STRING IS SMALL—EVERYONE BOOST AND WORK FOR A VICTORY OVER OLIVET. ALMA COLLEGE CAN DO IT

Olivet-Alma Games Since 1900—

Won by Olivet		Won by Alma	
Year	Olivet	Alma	Olivet
1900	11	6	0
1903	11	0	0
1904	5	0	3
1905	10	0	0
1906	4	0	0
1907	14	0	0
1909	30	0	0
1911	9	6	0
1913	13	0	0
1914	7	3	0
1901	6	0	0
1902	10	0	0
1910	14	3	0
1912	58	0	0
1908	No game played		
Ten games were shutouts, and Alma took seven of those.			
Ten games were won by two touchdowns or less, and Alma won only THREE of those.			

Total Games Won—Olivet 10, Alma 4.

Total Points Scored—Olivet 117, Alma 103.

We did roll up the record score of the M. I. A. A. in 1912.

What has been done CAN BE DONE AGAIN.

NOW, ALL TOGETHER—ALMA WANTS THAT TITLE. AND SHE IS GOING TO HAVE IT. BOOST!

THE TEAM NEEDS YOU

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING

"Climbing Heavenward" Subject of Discourse at Weekly Meeting.

Mr. L. Doer gave a very interesting discourse at Prayer Meeting last Wednesday evening. The subject of his discourse was "Climbing Heavenward." Text, Math. 16:12-20, II. Peter 1:2-11.

Tonight we wish to build a spiritual pyramid to Heaven. We must have a foundation for our pyramid. Therefore, we turn to Paul and hear him say, "Other foundation can no man lay than that of love, which is Jesus Christ." We believe in Christ, we repent unto Christ, we confess in Christ, and we are baptized in Christ. Around him the whole system of Christianity centers. Can we not take him for our foundation?

Having secured a firm foundation, we may lay the first step of our pyramid, namely, Virtue or Courage. Cowardice is a dreadful disease. A certain minister, while going to Chicago to preach a trial sermon, was accosted on the train by three different men from the church. The first asked him to refrain from speaking against the saloons and liquor, the second asked him to leave out any remarks that might offend worldly members of the church, the third asked him not to hurt the feelings of certain Jews who attended services at the church. When the minister asked what he might preach about, he was told that there were no Mormons in the church and that he might give them fits. The minister had courage enough to preach a straightforward gospel sermon, but the members were cowardly. It pays to have courage.

The second step of our pyramid is knowledge. What kind of knowledge, political? No, religious. The ignorance concerning the Bible is alarming. Will God save us on account of our ignorance? No! The Book says: "He that hath ears, let him hear." And why not also say, "He that hath a thinker, let him think." If we hear and think we need not be ignorant.

We now come to the third step or that of temperance. Naturally, we think at once of liquor. A drunkard is "one who drinks to excess, that staggers and wallows in the gutter." Some men could drink a quart and still be temperate. One old German said that he could drink 40 glasses a day and still be temperate, while a gill would make me a drunkard. Supposing that I steal two chickens. I might steal ten but I'll be temperate. I might only kill one. Would I be a thief or a murderer? Surely: Therefore, we see that temperance applies only to (Continued on Page 4)

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EDITORIALS

ON TO OLIVET

For eight weeks Coach Bleamaster has been building a football machine. For eight weeks he has been working primarily toward one end, namely to beat Olivet on their home field on November 13th. To avenge Olivet's hardly earned victory of last year and to bring the M. I. A. A. title back to Alma has been the one purpose which has dominated and held the minds of the coach and of every man on the squad for the last eight weeks.

The team has had very indifferent fortune at times. When the state title has been plainly in view we have met unexpected and severe defeat. To say that football success this year has been erratic is to put it lightly. "Dope" has amounted to so much "hot air" and nothing more. Hillsdale won from Kalamazoo Normal 20-18 and after beating Hillsdale 20-6 we were unmercifully beaten by a score of 78-0 in favor of Kalamazoo Normal. In spite of these apparently unexplainable results, in spite of all the "ups and downs" of the season, Bleamaster has a team that is now as fit as at any time in the season, a team that is ready and anxious to meet Olivet.

Next Saturday marks the climax of our football season. It is the game for which coach and squad have been preparing. To Freshmen let it be said that for fourteen years Alma has held Olivet as her chief rival. To win means nearly an endless amount of satisfaction, to lose is—well, a determination to turn the tables next year. Coach and squad have been working to win games. We have won games. We have had support from the students. We have had enthusiasm. But this week the efforts of coach and

squad must be coalesced with all the enthusiasm of the past season into a mighty wave that will carry everything before it next Saturday.

It will cost \$4.52 for the trip to Olivet and back. All who can afford it owe it to our college to be with the team. The team will need your support. To all who have been saving money for the trip we say, "Redouble your efforts;" to all who have not thought it worth while we bid you, "wake up and get busy."

We have the team. We must have enthusiasm. We will have **VICTORY!**

ON TO OLIVET

EXPLANATION

Through the columns of the Almanian, the writer of the item "Steve Nisbet, '17, Visits Clare" which appeared in the issue of October 19th, last, wishes to apologize to the parties whose names were mentioned in that article, and to state further that said article should have appeared among the Almanians, and not among the editorials.

PHI PHI ALPHA

The following program was given November 1st:

Reading—"The First Olynthiac," Schermerhorn,

Paper—"Grant, Our Greatest Soldier," Case,

Reading—"Cataline to the Conspirators," VanDuzen.

Impromptus were answered to by MacAulay, Bacon and Notestein.

AUTUMN

When the sun in all his splendor
Tints his curtains in the West,
When the wind has ceased its sighing
And all nature is at rest;
You will see the corn shocks marching
Row on row in perfect line,
Here and ther a pumpkin gleaming
With a gold so pure and fine.

You will see the tree's gay colors
Daring to outdo the sun,
While the goldenrod and asters
Tell of wondrous days to come.
Then your heart with joy'll be singing
For Thanksgiving time is near.
Surely of all the glorious seasons,
Autumn's the gayest of the year.
—Wilhelmine Ritter.

Freshie: "Have you ever noticed how red a blackberry is when it is green?"

"Jimmie" (in Chapel): "I met an old Alma girl in Saginaw the other day, she is teacher of singing there, in a street car."

ZETA SIGMA

Zeta Sigma Society enjoyed a very interesting program Monday evening. "A Character Sketch of Dr. Rands" was read by E. Stafford. M. Smith read a paper on the "Life of Ex-Gov. Hughes." Frank Barnard gave "His First Impressions of Alma." Gordon French gave a paper on "Law as a Profession Today."

After adjournment we all went to the Vaudeette.

L. M.

FROEBEL

At the regular meeting of November 1st, the following program was given:

"Dr. Montessori," Louise Beck.
Music, Ruth Weston-Vera Reid.
"Relation of Kindergarten to Elementary Schools," Edna Elsie.
"Kindergartens in Hawaii," Bertha Swanson.

Roll call was answered to by the name of a Kindergarten worker.

SCIENCE CLUB

The second regular meeting of the Science Club was held Saturday evening November 6th.

Alfred Papworth read a paper by Lewis Sarvis: "Notes on the Beginnings of Biology."

Miss Ruth Stacy gave an interesting paper on "Dragon Flies." She told some of her experiences in Alma during the summer and showed some fine specimens of dragon flies which she had captured.

L. M.

COLLEGE LIFE

Floating down the stream
Sitting in the stern
She had her hand in his'n,
He had his hand in her'n.
Out for an auto ride
Round the corner whizzin,
He had his hand in her'n
She had her hand in his'n.
—Harry W. Staver.

Prof. Bober (in German class) "Why last week in the football game one of your handsome young men had four teeth knocked out." (Meaning "Tully.")

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.

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Where we are and what we are doing

ANGELL-ROHLFING

On June 8th the wedding of Miss Irma I. Rohlfing of Baltimore, Maryland, to Mr. Norman H. Angell, took place in the Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church of that city, of which the bride and groom are members. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. John McDowell, the pastor of the church.

The bride is the daughter of the late Edward F. Rohlfing, and Mrs. Rohlfing of Mt. Royal Avenue. She is a graduate of Western High School and the Maryland Art Institute. She has also spent a year and a half of study in Germany. For some years she has maintained an art studio in commercial art, her work being in great demand.

Mr. Angell is the Assistant Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of Baltimore. He attended Alma four years, graduating in the academy in 1906 and then entering college with the class of 1910. At the end of his sophomore year he entered Columbia University, graduating in June 1910. For the past three years Mr. Angell has been connected with the Baltimore Y. M. C. A.

Rev. J. Woodman Babbitt, pastor of the Calvary Presbyterian Church at Newburgh, N. Y., was the groom's best man. Rev. Babbitt was a class mate of Mr. Angell at Columbia. The ushers were Mr. George Shipton, a graduate of Williams College in Massachusetts, now a student in Johns Hopkins Medical University, and Mr. Willis R. Jones of North Carolina, graduate of the University of Maryland Law School. Both were personal friends of Mr. Angell. The bride was given away by Mr. Louis F. Young, cousin of the bride.

Immediately after the wedding ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Angell left for a month's trip, stopping at the Delaware Water Gap for two weeks, then on to Niagara Falls and Adrian, Michigan, Mr. Angell's old home. Mr. and Mrs. Angell are now located at 1931 Eutaw Place in Baltimore.

WILLIAM S. COOPER

Coming to Alma from the Detroit Eastern High School, William S. Cooper entered college in the fall of 1902. As he was not actively interested in athletics most of his attention was given to literary, scientific and religious life. He was active in Zeta Sigma, Y. M. C. A., and Science Club. A major part of his work being in science, particularly biology, he took a very active interest in the work of the Science Club. In 1906 he was graduated from Alma with the degree of B. S.

After leaving Alma he spent parts of two years in graduate work in Botany at John Hopkins University. During the summer of 1907 he was assistant in plant ecology at the Summer School of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences at Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island, being associated there with Dr. E. N. Transeau, who was formerly professor of biology at Alma. From 1909-11 he continued his graduate work at the University of Chicago from which he received the degree of Ph. D. In the summer of 1911 he left Chicago and went west and, after spending a year at Carmel, California, settled at Palo Alto, California. Here he engaged in further research work, using the facilities of the botany department of Stanford University. During the year 1914-15 he held the position of lecturer in Plant Ecology in Stanford University. Recently he has accepted the position of Instructor in Plant Physiology and Ecology in the University of Minnesota.

His present address is 1523 West Lake Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Rev. James L. McBride, '04, of Cordova, Alaska, has taken up the work at Anchorage, and this will be his permanent address.

Beulah Parr, '15, has gone to Wyandotte, Michigan, to take charge of the work in history in the Wyandotte High School.

ROY PHILLIPS

Roy Phillips, '14, is doing good work as Principal and Coach in the Marlette High School. While in college, Phillips took a Mathematics-Lab. Science Course. For four years he played basket ball and baseball and was on the football team two years. Since leaving Alma he has taught in the Traverse City High School, has been director of the Gym and Playground at Grosse Point, and is now successfully filling the position of principal of Marlette High School.

Phillips was business manager on the Almanian Staff while in college. He offers us his sympathy. We wish to thank him very much, but we do not need any more of that brand of consolation. All that is necessary now is a little more news and hard cash from the Alumni.

A. C. Edgerton, better known as "Ox", came to us in the fall of 1909 from the Cass City High School. His size at once made him a candidate for the football team. He played football four years. During that time he was chosen as All State Tackle.

Edgerton and Eph Johnson played the tackles the year Alma held M. A. C. to a 14-3 score. Aside from football "Ox" played basket ball for two years and was on the track team three years. He was active in Zeta Sigma, Y. M. C. A. and the College Gospel Team. After leaving college in 1913 he accepted a position in the Cass City High as teacher of Sciences and football coach. This fall he left Cass City to take a four years medical course at the Detroit College of Medicine. We recently printed an announcement stating that he had been elected president of the Freshman class. His address is 126 Stanford Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

Many old faces among the Alumni were seen at the Michigan State Teachers Association at Saginaw, October 28th and 29th. It was an occasion that not only was a help to every teacher in attendance but also afforded a chance for college alumni to talk over old times. Among the teachers of Michigan who are seeking to become better equipped to fill their positions well, was a large group of Alma Alumni and Alumnae.

Some of those in attendance were: K. P. Brooks, '07, Mt. Pleasant, Irene Reiser, '11, Cadillac, Bertha Williams Kg, '14, Flint, Jane Green Kg, '15, Saginaw, Vera Parker Kg, '15, Traverse City, Helen Eames Kg, '15, Muskegon, F. A. Fraker, '12, Lapeer, Roy Phillips, '08, Marlette, W. A. Ewing, '13, Charlevoix, Paul H. Austin, '15, St. Louis, Theron E. Chapel, '11, Three Rivers, Maurice Cole, '15, Allegan, Myrtle Creaser, '10, Cheboygan, Gail Peacock, '12, Big Rapids, Gladys Dershem, '15, Owosso, Esther Smith, '15, Mt. Pleasant, Frida Volz Kg, '15, Pinconning, Margaret Robinson Kg, '15, Owosso, Bryson A. McCloy, '15, Northville, H. A. Craig, '09, Charlevoix, E. E. Fell, '02, Holland, O. M. Misenar, Northville, Ruth Robbins, '13, Lapeer, Edna Kuhlmann, '14, Montague, R. G. Swigart, '04, Albion, M. Kinnaird, '07, Cass City, Olive Smith, '07, Alma, Eleanor Bittner, '12, Alma, Laura Soule, '03, Alma, Winifred Trapp, '01, Alma, Kathleen Gillard, '11, Alpena, Marguerite O'Neill, '13, Sault Ste. Marie.

Theodore Nelson, '09, is employed by the Austin High School, Chicago, Illinois.

Nelson spent three years at Alma taking a Philosophical course. His address in 5925 W. Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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LETTER HOME TO MAW

Alma, Michigan, November —

Dear Maw:

i didn't rite no letter last week cuz i didn't have no stationary paper. Mr. Blomaster was gone to kassoo en so i couldn't buy none. You no he sells most everything in his little store en i always git my stuff what i need from him cuz i want to git a stand in, see Maw. Besides Maw, his paper doesn't cost much more than you can git it fer down town, en i want to help him all i ken, cuz you no Maw, he's married.

Well Maw, the team got licked a cuple a weeks ago when they went to kassoo, but that hain't nothin. i didn't go cuz "Blo" wants to save me a little, so thet i won't lose my pep before our other games is over. i didn't play in the last game either, but i don't care cuz Bullet he didn't play in the last game ether so i don't care. You no Maw, we play at Olivet on the 13th en that is the one big game, en both Bull en me is goin to play that day. I guess the Coach tho't he could beat Albion without us, but he couldn't en the score wuz a tie, en the fellers say it wuz in our favor.

Say Maw, you no i bord at Wright Hall where the girls lives. Well there were a cuple of spreads at some of the tables one nite, en they told me i would have ben ast, only they all no that i am training so they didn't want to spoil my condition. Some smarty-alec nearly hit me with a sack of water yesterday when i wuz comin from supper, en say they jist missed me. i went "fussing" you no, for a stroll the other morning about half past seven with Maggie my new girl. Well when i got back to pioneer at noon there wuz a big sign hung up on the notice board, "beware of fussin durin study ours."—VIG. COM. i think that Vig. Com. means Vigarous Commencement. You no some of the fellers never seen us out before, en they jist tho't they'd have a joke on me.

Say Maw, i'm not goin to hav jist one stiddy girl any more, cuz jist a few of the fellers like "POPE" has "stiddys" now. i'm goin to join the "Burros" en then you see Maw i won't have to git to tickets fer thet Opera House stuff. Don't you think Maw that i'm larnin to see into things in a business sort of way.

Well, Maw, i got ter bone fer a spell now. This is a pirty long letter alreidy en enyway i got ter work. OH, them there Kindergarten girls had some thin on the other nite Maw. They had a stunt jist like we used ter hev at home, one of them there Street Fair things, en it wuz on Friday nite too, but Maw, they didn't have no such cows en chickens there ez we have ter home Maw. i wish we could show em all a reel fair like we have ter home, eh Maw?

Well, Maw, i said that i was goin ter quit, en i'm goin ter too, so here goes,

Good-by Maw, en say it ter paw to, from your darling college boy,
Clarence.

SHE LEARNED SOMETHING

This Might Have Been Our "Distinguished" Dean of Women.

He had been on a hunting expedition for several days in the backwoods, roughing it rather severely, and on taking a seat in a railway coach returning homeward he looked as begrimed and weather-beaten as any trapper who ever brought his skins into a settlement.

He happened to find a seat next to a young lady—evidently belonging to Alma—who, after taking stock of him for a few minutes, remarked:

"Don't you find an utterly passionate sympathy with nature's most incarnate aspirations among the sky-topping mountains and the dim aisles of the horizon-touching forests, my good man?"

"Oh yes," replied the apparent backwoodsman. "I am also frequently drawn into an exaltation of rapt soulfulness and beatific incandescent in-

finity of abstract contiguity when my horse stumbles."

"Indeed!" said the young lady much surprised, "I had no idea that the lower classes felt like that."—Cleveland Leader.

ALPHA THETA

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ed exceptionally well by Bernice Ireland. Willie Ritter's poem concerning new girls was a success from the prologue to the closing line, and it is thought by many that Miss Ritter should develope that talent to a greater extent. Eva Barnes delighted everyone with a piano solo and one had hardly gotten out of the music mood before the President announced an impromptu debate, the question being, "Freshman girls should meet men only at college social functions. Needless to say, the Negatives won, (Why shouldn't they?) We've all been there. After singing the Alpha Theta song, the meeting adjourned to cider and doughnuts.

Many of our old members were with us at our meeting and it is hoped by every girl that is now a member of Alpha Theta that we are living up to the standards that our older and much honored sisters have left for us.

MARCHING ALONG

Captain Mark Spinney out on the field
Bidding his eleven men never to yield,
And urging the fellows to all leave their feet,
The victories of Alma we now must repeat.

Chorus

Plunge through their line, rush right along,
Big brawny fellows, courageous and strong.

Hail to old Alma! Olivet and such such schools

To the Devil that prompts them to bring up such mules
Olivet fall—we want that ball
Can't you hear fellows how loudly we call
For you to

Chorus

Plunge through their line, rush right along,
Big brawny fellows, courageous and strong.

(After the meter of Browning's Cavalier Tunes.)

—A. DeWitt.

PRAYER MEETING

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lawful things, and that the law for unlawful things is "taste not, touch not, handle not an unclean thing." Temperance can be practiced in eating, sleeping, etc.

We now come, in our spiritual pyramid to the step of patience. There are many notable examples, but we must omit them. There was a druggist who was once approached by a minister on the subject of religion. He told the minister how his father had been a minister, and that one morning after he had whipped and threatened his son, the druggist, he got up in the pulpit and preached a sermon on "In Patience possess your souls." The druggist had no faith in religion because he had lost faith in his father. Let us be careful of our example.

Let us now consider brotherly kindness. Two boys were once skating on the ice, when one fell into a hole. The other lad secured a rail and pushed one end out to the boy in the water. The boy in the water grasped at the rail twice and each time his hands slipped off. He then called to his comrade to give him the other end of the rail. he had given him the icy end. Let us be careful about giving our friends and fellow students the icy end of the rail.

The last step that we shall consider is love. Paul says: "Now abideth faith, hope love, these three, but the greatest of these is love." Why is ove the greatest? Because in Heaven we shall need no faith nor hope,

but there we shall have love. "God is love."

Had I the voice of Greeks and Jews, And nobler speech than angels use; Were I inspired to preach and tell All that is done in Heaven and Hell; Or were I to distribute all my store, To feed the hungry, clothe the poor, And give my body to the flame To gain a martyr's glorious name— If love be absent, still I'm found, A clanging brass, an empty sound. A clanging brass, an empty sound."

WRIGHT HALL NEWS

Misses Eve Merrill and Ellen Dotey were in Breckenridge over Sunday.

Miss Lillian Hildreath of St. Louis spent the week end with Florence Howe.

Mrs. McPherson Spencer was the guest of her sisters, Mary and Hazel Rubert, for several days last week.

Miss Margaret Foote spent the week end in Ann Arbor and attended the Michigan-Cornell game.

Miss Arline McKay was the guest of her sister, Merle, several days last week.

Miss Frances Galloway of Fairgrove has entered college to do special work in music and English.

Misses Phyllis Goschenhofer and Louise Beck entertained the former's sister, Mrs. S. J. Bochstanz, and their friend, Mrs. H. R. Guion, over Sunday.

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