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## DECEMBER ELEVEN, WHAT?

### MISS INGRAM SINGS WELL

Program Rendered by Grand Opera Singer Pleased Large Audience.

No contralto in recent years has made such phenomenal success as Frances Ingram, nor has any returned to a place of prominence. Miss Ingram made her first singing with the Chicago-Philadelphia opera company during the season 1912-13. Following season she scored a great success as one of the principal sopranos of the Montreal Opera company. Now for the season 1915-16 she is engaged for important roles with the Chicago Opera company. One of the season will be devoted to concert in which field Miss Ingram has become deservedly popular. This concert work brought Miss Ingram to Alma last Tuesday night. It is indeed seldom that we have so great an artist and she more than pleased the Alma audience. From the minute she appeared until the last bow of the last encore, the audience soul and body were with her. Her interpretations were excellent and her dramatic ability unexcelled.

Her program was divided into six parts. It opened with "I mio del foco" by Marcello, and was followed by "Early one Morning" and "I've been Roaming." Old English; I know where I'm going" (County Antrim.) "Oh, No, John" Old English. The last two were very humorous and decidedly clever. The whole group was received with great enthusiasm. Her encore was the wonderful American song, "Out on the Sunset Seas." The second group was composed of German songs from Schuman, Brahms, Bohm and Schubert. Here the interpretations were remarkable, and her exquisite voice vibrated and assumed many emotional colors. The greatest of these was "Der Erlkoenig." In this was superior acting—fine art. The story of "Erlkoenig," is a very familiar one. The plot is laid near Yena, Germany. A father has taken his son to public gathering, there the son taken ill. He continues to grow worse and his father carries him home. The boy grows delirious. To him the trees take on the strange form of Der Erlkoenig and the howl of the wind is to his mind the voice of the Erlkoenig—The father tries to pacify him the Erlkoenig pleades for him to come with him and at last he grabs the child with his icy hand and the father holds him closer. The dramatic height and climax is reached in the last line when the father reaches home and discovers that the child is dead. "Der Erlkoenig" is one of Schubert most famous songs. The encore was the "Little Silver Ring."

Aria from Samson et Delilah (Mon Coeur's over a ta Voix by Saint-Saens was extremely well rendered. "The Fantosie." A minor.

Benj. Godard was played by Miss Ingram accompanied by Mr. Arthur Fram. He showed unusual ability and fine technique. The fifth group was a very delightful group, consisting of Ma Voisine by Goring-Thomas Vous dansez Marquise breathed of the life Lemaire, Crepuscle by Massenet, Kojak by Moussorgsky. The Vous dansez Marquise Breathed of the life of sunny France, of the gayety frivolity and laughter, while the Kojak was quite the opposite. It was a tale of the wild open life of the plains. The interpretation on both was wonderful and of exquisite quality. The encore was "That Song of Old you Sang to Me."

The last group were well known American songs. They were: "Sing 'o Me," composed by Homer. "By the waters of Minnetonka" by Lillurance, "The Cry of Rachel," by Salter and "Dawn in the Desert," by Ross. The "Cry of Rachel" was instilled with heart aches and sorrow and the

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### A VERY PROFITABLE MEETING.

"The Christian's position in the world," was the topic for the prayer meeting led by Earnest Bacon last Wednesday evening. The leader chose Matthew 5:14, "Ye are the light of the world," as the biblical text for his discourse. Mr. Bacon in a few minutes discussed the subject broadly and asked the question, "What does it mean to us? As Christians we are the light of the world. Pardon the question arose, "What are we? Is our nature that of a merely moral man or woman? Can we see morality in theism, alone, but rather that they may be brightened. Mr. Bacon went on to explain that Christianity is a vital, living force and not the sum of moral observances. Christianity is the morality of Love. It is to Christ then that we must look for the source of our light. It is to him that we must go to have our Christian faith established. In conclusion Mr. Bacon gave us two questions to consider. First, what is the light of the college to count for? Is it to be an institution known over the country as a training school for Christian leaders? Is she to make the light of intellectual training, social culture and athletic fame? And lastly, what are our lights as individuals to be? Are our lights, in the words of Christ, to "so shine before men, that they may see your works and glorify your Father which is in heaven?"

Not only did the leader express his opinions but also different views of the subject were given by those present. It was a meeting well attended, filled with a spirit of devotion and profitable to all. May we have more of such meetings.

### ALPHA THETA ENTERTAINS.

Alpha Theta entertained Zeta Sigma in their society room from 7:30 to 11:00 p. m., Saturday evening. Miss Waite and Miss Foote acted as chaperones.

The men were escorted to the society rooms by the reception committee. They found the room beautifully decorated. The lights were covered with pink paper giving a soft friendly light. The walls were hung with pennants and the cosy corners were well supplied with cushions.

Progressive games were played during the evening. Each table was decorated in the color of the college. The Maroon and Cream having the place of honor.

Anna Wave Coleman and Don Smith proved to have the most ability or at least they were the lucky ones. They went thru the evening without a defeat and were given a prize.

While the refreshments were being served, each group representing a college attempted to outdo the other in yelling. The contest ended in a draw. After cheers were given for Miss Waite, Miss Foote Mrs. Ewing, Alpha Theta and Zeta Sigma the party was over.

It is hardly possible to tell what a good time we had. The best way to express it is to repeat the remarks of the fellows: "It was the best time I ever had."

### LIFE IN A NUTSHELL.

"Stop Look Listen." A reflective man was reading this railroad sign.

"Those three words illustrate the whole scheme of life," said he.

"How so?"

"You see a pretty girl. You stop. You look. And after you marry her you listen."

Don't let your work slide. It generally slides down hill.

### ANNUAL FOOTBALL BANQUET

"A's" and Honor Pins Awarded to Eighteen Men at Annual Banquet.

One of the most enjoyable events of the college year took place Tuesday evening, at Wright Hall, the occasion being the annual football banquet.

The dining room was attractively decorated with large maroon and cream blankets and banners. Baskets of chrysanthemums graced the long banquet tables, and directly in the center of the room a place of honor was reserved for the football men, with covers layed for twenty-two. Friends, guests and students of the college gathered in the great reception hall and promptly at 5:30 took their places in the dining room. A rousing cheer was given when the members of the football squad filed in, then everybody sat down to a delicious and well-planned dinner.

After the banquet, Rev. Mason gave the signal for adjournment to the reception room where the remainder of the program was to be carried out. The Rev. Mr. Mason proved to be well qualified for his role as toastmaster and made many entertaining and witty remarks in introducing the different speakers of the evening. He expressed his grateful appreciation for the honor conferred upon him in being asked to act in this capacity, and was very generous in his praise of the splendid work the boys had done. "I have never seen, on any field, cleaner more aggressive, wholesome and healthful athletics than I have seen here on Davis Field," he said.

Alma was fortunate in having Clarence Goodrich, an old football man back to present the A's. "Goodie" spoke of the pride it gave him to present the letters to the boys and told how proud he was of the team, especially of the excellent work they did during the last five minutes of the Olivet game. A reverent hush fell upon the listeners when the speaker mentioned Mr. Hurst, who had always taken such pride in conferring these honors upon the team. As their names were called, each man came forward and received the Maroon A with a triumphant smile of satisfaction. After Ed. Johnston had received his A "Goodie" introduced him to us as Captain Johnston of the team of 1916, and the enthusiastic outburst of cheering which greeted this announcement, expressed the hearty approval of all. The following men received A's: Spinney, French, Foote, Miller, Macaulay, Geis, Notestein, Dow, Johnson, Spooner, Richards, M. Smith, Chester Robinson, C. Robinson, Hyde, Fitch, Barnard and N. Smith.

After all the letters had been given out, "Goodie" said, "Fellows, you have won every thread woven into that letter." Ten honor A pins were then given to the following men:

Foote, Macaulay, Geis, Notestein, Dow, Spooner, M. Smith, C. Robinson, Barnard and N. Smith.

Pauline Markham in her direct and witty manner responded to a toast for the girls. "Peg" assured her audience of the Alma girls attitude toward football, commended the good work of Capt. Spinney and closed with a toast to the team of '15 and the coming team of '16. Errol Stafford gave the toast for the boys. "Tickets" reviewed the season's games in a humorous way, emphasized the boys loyalty to the team, and ended by saying, "Here's to Capt. Spinney and his departing team; to Capt. Johnston and his coming team!"

President Crook spoke briefly on team work. He commented on the unusual fact that college athletics and faculty were so closely associated, and asked that the student body help him become familiar with their activities and interests, in order that they might thus build up each others lives. "I trust," he said, "That we may do team work together."

George Heibert responded to a toast

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### PRESIDENT CROOKS ARRIVES.

In the Almanian of October 5th, we announced that President Crooks would arrive in Alma about the first of November. For two months since college opened students and faculty have awaited his arrival. Thursday morning when President Crooks walked into the chapel it was evident that the long wait had only strengthened the welcome which he would receive.

During much hand clapping and cheering, President Crooks took his place with the faculty on the platform. After Dean Mitchell had finished conducting devotionals he introduced the new president who in a few well chosen words made the student body and faculty feel as though they had in him a man with whom they could heartily cooperate. He emphasized the fact



that whatever he might do without the cooperation of the student body would be to little avail and that the growth of any institution is largely dependent upon the united effort of the students, faculty, and president. Aside from the few facts we have noted the talk was characterized rather by what he did not say than what he did say. The student body was left to pursue a policy of "watchfull waiting."

In the new head of the institution we believe we have a man to whom the destiny of the college may safely be intrusted.

### PHILOMATHEANS THE GUESTS OF PHI PHI ALPHA.

Last Saturday night the Philomatheans were royally entertained by the Phi Phi Alphas. The society room was prettily decorated with pennants and banners and the atmosphere of welcome was dominant throughout the evening. All were ready for a good time and joined in the entertainment with the kind of spirit that gave pleasure to guests and hosts alike. In the first game one noticed that number twenty prepared the end of the line; a few were "penny wise" and others were penny foolish. Mr. Fulcher brought about a marvelous transformation by going out of the room with two legs and coming back with six. Four relay teams were chosen, two varsity and two scrubs; after some practice and shortening of lines, cheers were given for Miss Battie's victorious scrubs. Everyone enjoyed listening to Miss Healy who sang two beautiful selections and an amusing encore.

Partners were chosen for the Virginia Reel and refreshments by matching clever little Phi pennants. Delicious coffee and doughnuts were served, followed by strawberry ice cream and cake. Ten-thirty came all too soon and the "Philos" reluctantly went home feeling that they had added another to their list of never-to-be-forgotten evenings with Phi Phi Alpha.

### NO ISSUE NEXT WEEK.

Following an established custom we will not publish a paper next week as it is the first week after Thanksgiving.

### PHILOMATHEAN BANQUET

Initiation Banquet Given in Honor of Nine New Members Friday Evening.

On Friday evening the Philomathean society gave its annual Initiation Banquet to the nine new girls who were taken in at the last meeting. The tables were artistically decorated in yellow and white chrysanthemums and the mellow light of many candles gave a beautiful effect to all. The menu was daintily served by several of the Froebel girls and was of its usual elaborateness. After the last course had been finished Miss Otha McCracken as a charming toastmistress introduced each speaker in her usual bright and witty manner.

Miss Marcia Carl responded to the Philomathean toast of "Welcome" and although she did not tell a funny story she fully conveyed the sentiment of the society in the hearty greeting which she gave to guests and new members. Miss Koveina Rose responded to the toast "New Ties" in behalf of the Freshmen and proved that she had already entered into the spirit of Philomathean Sisterhood and that we can expect much from our new members in the future.

A toast to Alma our college was given by Mrs. Randels in which she brought out the idea of loyalty on the part of both students and faculty and the co-operation of all branches of college life. The singing of the college song was very appropriate at this time.

Miss Blanch Healy favored us with several well rendered solos which showed she is gaining much from her study at the University of Michigan.

"Reminiscences" was responded to by Miss Ruth Robbins '13. She told many of the interesting events connected with Philo's past history and showed us how interested our alumnae are in our welfare and that they still are Alma boosters.

"Our Ideals" given by Gladys Dershem '15 gave all present that for which Philo stands and admonished us that we must all strive to live up to the high ideals which our older sisters have set up for us.

Altogether it was a wonderful banquet and every one had a most enjoyable evening. Nine old Philomathean girls were present. Those in attendance besides present society members were Hazel DuLong, Ruth Robbins '13, Dorothy Baker '12, Blanch Healy Gladys Dershem '15, Leontine Messinger, Auda Gill, Marcella Adams Stuckey, Ruth Ellis Hudson, Mrs. Charles Wickes, Mrs. F. N. Notestein, Mrs. Geo. Randels, Miss Hitchcock and Miss Foote.

### CENTRAL MICH. ROUND TABLE

Annual Meeting and Banquet at Wright Hall Well Attended.

On Friday evening November 19, the Central Michigan Round Table enjoyed its annual dinner at Wright Hall. About fifty were present to enjoy the elaborate banquet so well prepared under the supervision of the matron. Wright Hall never appeared more beautiful than on this occasion, and the visitors were much impressed by the exceptional provisions made by Alma College for the comfort and cheer of her young women. It is no wonder that when Alma entertains educators in such a place, she each year receives the flower of the young womanhood of Michigan.

On this occasion officers were elected for the coming year with Professor Mitchell of Alma College as president, President Grawn of Mount Pleasant as vice-president and Pro-

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EDITORIALS

KEEPING THE PACE.

Thoughtout every land and nation in the world where the organization of Y. M. C. A. reaches, the week just passed was set aside as a week of prayer for young men. In accordance with the program of the world organization we too observed this week in a fitting way. Every night prayer circles came together for a few moments of worship.

We cannot measure nor do we know in a concrete way what these meetings have meant to us. Their value cannot be estimated. For some it meant a strengthening of the faith that has already been laid deep, for others it may have meant the dawning of a deeper religious conviction, a finer realization of the Brotherhood of Christ.

In the hurry and rush of college life we are very likely to forget some of the vital realities of life. We have just emerged from a football season filled with the excitement of varying success and defeat. Who would be foolish enough to say that aside from work, football did not demand a major portion of our attention during the past eight weeks? At the close of the season our attention is at once turned to basket ball, oratory or debate. It is for this reason that we say it is a good thing to have a week set apart for the consideration of things of immensely more importance than college activities. To be able to pause and take our bearings and get a firmer grip on the big things of life is something we believe very much worth while.

However the real benefit of any religious influence of this kind is largely dependent upon the way it is kept up. The northern lights illuminate the heavens with their brightness. For a brief instant they flash and are gone. The phenomenon becomes merely a matter of beauty and interest, nothing that is at all lasting or beneficial.

Is it to be this way with our religious life? Are our years to be illuminated with a few flashes of periodical religious conviction or are they to live in the brightness of a Greater Light than our own? This is a question that we believe is worth consideration at this time. Our paper is no "Weekly Sunbeam" nor "Sunday School World," but we want it to be a paper that at least is ready to express editorially a few things that we think are of importance. Therefore we wish to urge that the prayer life, perhaps begun, in these prayer circles may be continued by every student in college. That and nothing else will help us "keep the pace," will make our lives ones of service and will give our college a greater influence in the religious life of the state and nation.

Four weeks ago we stated that the student body would be systematically canvassed for subscriptions. So far we have been very successful, yet there are still some who have neither paid their subscriptions nor signed a card promising to pay at a fixed date. As we stated at that time we must remove the name of every student from our mailing list who has neither paid nor agreed to pay. We will send one more issue to every member of the student body but after that issue we will send the paper to subscribers only. We are sorry to be compelled to do this but as no generous alumnus has ever given the paper a permanent endowment and as we are not inclined to personally back the enterprise no other course is left open to us.

Don't depend on the wine bottle to get your business. The ink bottle is more dependable

THE PATH OF LEARNING .

The teacher's convention, recently held in Saginaw, leads me to think. The line of education in Michigan is a sort of elevated road which rising from primary extends in regular grades, through the grammar and high schools up to the university and similar schools in the state. They furnish a plain open pathway from ignorance to knowledge. They are the highway to good citizenship. No line of travel is worth following which does not lead to somewhere, and cost something in money and effort. The Michigan school system leads up to an objective point and that objective point is pre-eminently manhood, womanhood, citizenship. To be a scientist, philosopher, or even a theologian does not reach the topmost round of the educational ladder. Round full complete educated manhood includes intelligent patriotism, and any system of instruction which does not aspire to the proportions of a love for one's country falls short of the demands of safety.—L. G. Wilcox, Saginaw, Nov. 17.

HOPE COLLEGE BUSY ON DEBATES

The Kalamazoo Telegraph-Press reports that the debating question in the Kalamazoo-Hillsdale-Hope League will read, Resolved: That the United States should adopt the literacy test as a further means of restricting European immigration. Our secretary has as yet received no word from Kalamazoo which holds the secretaryship of the League. These debates occur in March.

In the other league Alma submits the enlargement of army and navy, and Olivet proposed military training. One of these questions will soon be chosen for the intercollegiate debates which occur the second Friday in April.—The Anchor.

WRIGHT HALL NEWS.

Miss Blanch Healy, a former student here, now studying music at the U. of M. is the guest of friends here this week

Mrs. Charles F. Wickes of Stanton was the guest of her niece Adelaide Ballou Friday and Saturday.

Misses Dorothy Baker of Midland and Ruth Robbins of Lapeer were guests of Otha McCracker over the week end and attended the Philomathean banquet.

Miss Gladys Dershem of Owosso was the guest of friends and attended the Philomathean banquet Friday evening.

Miss Hazel DuLong of Bay City, visited Helen Baker over the week end.

Misses Lydia and Nina Resseguie spent Sunday at their home in Middleton.

Misses Mary and Hazel Rubert went to their home in Howell Friday to attend the dedication services of the new Presbyterian church there.

Miss F. Lucile McQuade went to her home in Detroit, Saturday. She was accompanied by her cousin Elizabeth Newbrough, who will spend the Thanksgiving vacation with her. While there they will hear Madam Schuman Heink.

Miss Grace Roberts was called to her home in Indianapolis, last week by the serious illness of her mother. She will not return until after the Thanksgiving vacation.

Miss Caroline Robinson went to Saginaw Friday and was joined by Miss Camelia Waite, Saturday.

Miss Auda Gill was a week end visitor in the hall.

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

AUTUMN

I know where a swampy marsh land lies,  
Deep in a shady vale;  
Where you hear the lonely crickets cry,  
And the sudden rush of the quail.

The wealth of autumn is everywhere,  
In the waving golden rod;  
And the air is full of silky down  
When the milk-weed breaks its pod.

And the maples red-gold banners flame,  
Against the autumn sky;  
And far o'erhead near the fleecy clouds,  
Wild geese go flying by.

—Edith Layer.

EARTH'S TOILERS SING.

Hark to the song earth's toilers sing  
As they bow at the festal board!  
Hark to the song the reapers bring  
With the Wealth of their gold hoard  
From fair, lush prairies gemmed with flowers  
Where smoke-wreathed cities lift their towers  
At the call of the foaming main—  
This is the song earth's toilers sing,  
This is the song the nations bring  
As they bow at His shrine again.

"Father of all, great giver of all,  
Hear as we cry unto Thee;  
Where the wind tossed pines unheeded cail  
To the lonely, ice-locked sea;  
When the scorching desert's tawny sands  
Burned in the sunset's glow  
And the mountains cling with titan hands  
To their diadems of snow—  
We lift glad hearts with one accord,  
We hymn thy praise, O gracious Lord,  
For gifts that unceasingly flow  
"Thanks for the home whose welcome door  
Swings wide to our vagrant feet;  
Thanks for the rest from the strident roar  
And the rush of the blinding street,  
Thanks for the fields whose splendor fills  
Our hearts with joy serene,  
For flocks and herds on a thousand hills  
Enisled in their seas of green.  
Thanks for the faith of answered prayer,  
The cup to give, the crust to share  
And the hope of a life unseem."  
—Elisha Safford.

WHEN WILL FUSSING CEASE.

When the lion eats grass like an ox  
and the fishworm swallows the whale.  
When the robins knit woolen sox  
and the hare is outrun by the snail.  
When the sea serpents stand up like men  
and the doodle bugs travel like frogs;  
When grasshoppers feed like the hen  
and feathers are found on the hogs.  
When tom cats swim through the air  
and elephants roost on trees;  
When insects in summer are rare  
and snuff never makes people sneeze.  
When the fish creep over dry land  
and mules on bicycles ride;  
When foxes lay eggs in the sand  
and women in dress take no pride.  
When Dutchmen no longer drink beer  
and girls go to preaching on time;  
When billy goats butt from the rear  
and treason no longer is crime.  
When humming birds bray like the jackass  
and limburger cheese smells like cologne;  
When plow shares are made out of glass  
and the heart of the true stockman of stone.  
When ideas grow on the hillsides  
ram and wool on the hydraulicsteep;  
Then will fussing forever cease  
and the faculty, we hope, can live in peace.

Don't spend your time explaining mistakes;  
spend it preventing them.

There are just as good fish in the sea  
as have ever been caught. Don't let your bait get stale.

A man who has nothing to do generally  
pesters people doing it.

Don't croak; that's a frog's business.  
Be a man.

Don't lose your temper. The man  
who finds it probably has one of his own.



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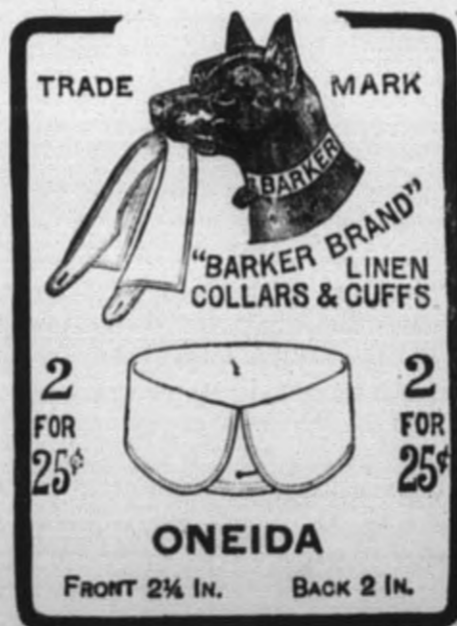
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## Alumni Round Table

Where we are and what we are doing



HURD ALLYN DRAKE

Hurd Allyn Drake was born on a farm near Blissfield, Lenawee County, Michigan, February 11th, 1885. After attending the district school for eight years he entered the Blissfield High School from which he graduated in 1904. Having been taken to the village church twice every Sunday, rain or shine, it is perhaps not surprising that he early determined to enter the ministry. As a result of this determination he preached his first sermon a few months before he was nineteen.

In 1904 he entered Northwestern College where he spent his Freshman year. During this time he was a member of a prominent Y. M. C. A. committee and was one of the Freshmen debaters in the annual Fresh-Soph debate. Later he became a member of the college track team which, that year, 1905, won the championship of the colleges (Universities not included) of Illinois. Drake was the team's two-miler and that year twice broke the record which he then held for six years. At the end of his Freshman year his money ran out and he betook himself to teaching in his home county.

On March 31st, 1906, he was married to Miss Clara Murningham of Howell, Michigan, and two weeks later became unordained pastor of a group of three churches in and near Carleton, Michigan. At the end of two years Mr. and Mrs. Drake made a change to take up a pastorate at Bridgeport, Michigan, within reach of Alma College to which they came in the fall of 1908. Drake entered as a Sophomore and Mrs. Drake as a musical student with special work in the college department. While the double work he was carrying barred him from many college activities, he nevertheless was able to distinguish himself in different branches of college endeavor. In his Junior year he represented Alma in the State Oratorical contest and in his last year at Alma he assisted in Debates, was President of Phi Phi Alpha and was class orator. Mrs. Drake was for two years Chairman of the Y. W. C. A. Devotional Committee, represented Alma one year at Lake Geneva, and was for two years Secretary of Euterpe. During his course at Alma, Drake was called from the Bridgeport Church to the Immanuel Presbyterian Church of Saginaw, and after serving them for only nine months, was called to serve the Presbyterian Church at St. Louis. He was with the St. Louis Church for over four years.

After his graduation from Alma in 1911 he continued his study of things theological which he had begun before coming to Alma and had continued little by little during his college life. These studies came to a successful completion September 10th, 1912, when with more than ordinary credit he passed the examination for ordination and was ordained and installed Pastor of the St. Louis Church the evening of the same day.

During the year following his ordination he was active in the work of the Gratiot County Y. M. C. A., leading a group at St. Louis. Early in 1914 he was simultaneously offered the Chair of Bible at Alma College, the Pastorate of the Second Presbyterian Church of Danville, Illinois, and the Pastorate of the First Presbyter-

ian Church of Napoleon, which latter position he accepted and began his work there in the middle of March, 1914. Since he has been there the large debt on the Manse has been materially reduced and the Church has installed a splendid pipe organ.

'Henry Pilchers' Sons of Louisville, Kentucky, the builders of the organ, are among the half dozen best builders in America and are building an organ here which guarantees satisfaction to the Presbyterian congregation. Everyone of the seven hundred and nineteen pipes, after being voiced, were twice tuned. Then the organ was built entire as it is to be here and completely tuned again, after which it was taken apart and shipped to Napoleon. The great organ consists of four sets of 61 pipes each, as follows: Open Diapason, Dulciana, Melodia and Octave. In the Swell Organ are 49 Vox Celeste pipes and 61 each of Aeoline, Stopped Diapason, Flute Harmonic, Violina and Viola Diapason. The Pedal Organ has 30 pipes each of Bourdon and Lieblich and a Tremolo stop to the Swell Organ add to the resources of this splendid instrument which will henceforth be a joy, not only to the First Presbyterian Church but also an asset to the village of Napoleon.—'The Northwest News,' Napoleon, Ohio.

Last April at its spring meeting the Presbytery of Maumee surprised him by electing him Moderator on the first ballot. Since leaving Alma, Drake has been working on his Master's Degree and says he will get the degree some day although the annual Prohibition fight in Ohio, in which he has taken a large part makes the exact time uncertain. Since leaving college Drake has also done some lecturing. We have printed a clipping from the Carleton, Michigan, Times, which attests his evident success on the lecture platform.

'Hurd Allyn Drake gave his lecture "The Unlearned Art" in the Temple last Tuesday evening. The subject was intensely interesting and for one hour and thirty minutes the audience listened with rapt attention to every word. The logic, force and ability of the speaker in presenting the facts of life made a very strong impression on the audience. The lecture was inspiring in every way and cannot help having done good to those who had the pleasure of listening.'

He has one student practically pledged for Alma next year. Drake is an alumnus who is always willing to work for his Alma Mater.

Miss Lillian Goll one of last year's students here who is now studying vocal music under Professor Knap of Mt. Pleasant, rendered three excellent solos in chapel last Friday morning. Miss Goll's numbers were done with her usual grace and dramatic effect.

Wade (Jack) Frost '13 and wife of Carson City, visited Mrs. Frost's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Booth on Thursday and Friday.

Isadore Friedman and Frank Barnard attended the Normal party at Mt. Pleasant last Friday evening.

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## Y. W. NOTES.

The world week of Prayer closed Sunday. Meetings were held every night at 9:30 in the reception room of Wright Hall and were conducted by the various members of the Missionary committee. The missions of the whole world were the basis of work and various countries were considered with regards to needs and etc. Miss Waite opened the meetings Sunday evening, she told of many interesting facts about Y. W. work. Three of which I will give you. In Japan they have a conference somewhat similar to ours at Geneva, where Japan girls go for inspirations and good times. Many of these girls will go back to work in villages where they are the only Christians. Imagine the stupendous task assumed by one girl of converting a town like Alma to a new religion. What a wonderful work! A Chinese statesman says that the Y. W. C. A. is doing as much for the mature women, wives of statesman and officials as the colleges are doing for the younger generation.

These mature women will not get this training in any other way. The last seems to me to be the most wonderful. A Y. W. secretary in India was questioned by an inquisitive woman. The woman simply peppered her with questions, which the secretary answered as fully as possible. The next day this well educated woman came to the secretary again, but she didn't come alone she brought forty thousand dollars with her. She said this money had been given her to place it where it would do the most good for the Hindu women. After questioning statesman, colleges, churches, etc., she found that the Y. W. was actually helping the Hindu women the most. So she gave the money to them.

A delightful joint meeting was held in the Masonic Home Sunday by the Y. W. and Y. M. A large number were present and the college folks enjoyed the song service almost as much as the Home people. Mr. Sarvis had charge of the meeting, Gladys Bradner and Donald Smith sang a duet.

Blanche Healy, a former Alma student, sang. Chester Robinson sang "The Wayside Cross."

The next regular meeting of Y. W. will be conducted by Vernie Green.

## MISS INGRAM SINGS WELL.

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dramatic effect was wonderful. Gifted with a beautiful contralto voice 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. Her style of singing is very artistic and she sings with great variety of expression. She gave a most interesting program.

## FOOTBALL BANQUET.

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for the Reserves, or, as Rev. Mason expressed it, the Scrubs. Turning to the boys he said, "I can only say they are SOME TEAM. They are fighters that can't be stopped and they will wipe the earth with those O-C-Rah Rah's next year!"

Capt. Spinney reviewed the year's work, beginning with the poor outlook at the start of the season and spoke of the loyal support of the student body and the intense energy of the coach. In speaking of next year's playing he declared, "There'll be no darkness there, for there won't be any Knight on the field." Coach Bleamaster explained the new attitude toward football; the difference between the old "army game," and the new "Man's game."

"Fun from the fans," or hot air artists, was responded to by Mr. Hooper, one of Alma's loyal boosters, and Mr. H. C. Moore. Mr. Moore in his talk declared that the ideals of the players are higher than the ideals of the fans. He proved to us that the fan is indeed an important factor in the game, and repeated:

"There little football boy, don't cry; you'll be a fan bye and bye."

Coach G. S. Crisp of the Alma High School concluded the toasts by pointing out the spirit of co-operation that exists between the high school and college teams, and between the college team and students. He declared, "Alma students, stand by their team whether they are winning or losing."

The singing of the college song concluded one of the most pleasant football banquets ever held in the history of Alma college.

## HIS FIRST CIGAR.

He was only a Freshman, still he knew  
The right from the wrong and the thing to do,  
Said he to "Brud" "the rules are a joke  
I think I'll enjoy a little smoke."  
He puffed and pulled at a big cigar.

His eyes bulged out and his cheeks sank in;  
He gulped rank fumes with his lips ajar,  
While muscles shook in his youthful chin.  
His gills were green, but he stole a smile  
And assured his team-mates he would be well in a while

The earth swam round, but the car stood still,  
The trees rose up and the freshie fell down,  
He groaned aloud, for he felt so ill,  
And knew that cigar had made him feel

Like a fly that was drowning in a dish of oatmeal.  
His head was light, and his feet like lead,  
His cheeks grew white as a linen spread,  
While he weakly gasped as he gazed afar.

"If I live, this here's my last cigar."

## ZETA SIGMA.

The society was favored with a very fine program Monday evening. The program follows:

Paper, "Life of Robert Cornwell"—McAllister.

Paper, "Dumba"—Bittner.

Paper, "My Best Girl"—Gaffney

Paper, "My Autobiography"—Heibert.

This paper was read for Mr. Hebert by Mr. Lampman.

Paper, Original Story, "The Big Swede"—Colson.

This paper was read by Mr. Fitch for Mr. Colson.

Impromptu, A City's war against Cigarettes.—D. Smith.

Impromptu, Freedom and the Loan—Murphy.

Impromptu, Social Hygiene—Carpenter.

Impromptu, College Athletics—Craig.

Life is real, life is earnest  
And it could be made sublime  
If we only didn't have to  
Study Latin all the time.

Everyone is dead who wrote it,  
Everyone is dead who spoke it;  
Everyone must die who learns it,  
Happy death, I think he earns it.  
—Ex.

O Woman in your hours of E's  
Why do you spend so many V's;  
Poor man must mind his P's and Q's  
To earn the dollars that you U's.  
The dough he needs you're prone to  
C's;

Yet, with such tact you put him Y's  
You seem an angel in his I's.—Ex.

## CENTRAL MICH. ROUND TABLE


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Professor Billings also of Mount Pleasant as secretary and treasurer. The faculties of Alma College and the Normal College at Mount Pleasant are especially interested in this organization and use such an occasion to good advantage in becoming better acquainted both with each other and with the school men of all Central Michigan.

After the banquet Superintendent Frank A. Gause of Bay City gave his well known lecture on Panama and the New Route to India. This same lecture was first delivered before the students of Harvard university by Supl. Gause, who served as United States Commissioner of Education in the Panama zone during the entire period of construction of the great canal. Seldom does an audience have a chance to see thrown upon a screen better and more artistically tinted views. The pleasing personality of the speaker also added much to the lecture, which was but a short while ago delivered before the students of the University of Chicago. Thus Alma may take pride in not only appearing well before visitors but in having the privilege of listening to an exceptionally fine lecture delivered by a man so well known in the field of education.



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