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DO YOUR XMAS SHOPPING AT THE PHILO FAIR

DECEMBER ELEVEN

THANKSGIVING AT WRIGHT HALL

Big Dinner at Wright Hall Enjoyed by Large Student Body.

As we saw the last of the Wright Hall faculty speed away for the holidays, and as we found Miss Hitchcock alone at the post, Thanksgiving really entered our souls! By "we," I mean the hungry little handful of Wright Hall girls, who either lived too far from home, or else found their purses pitifully empty. But oh, we led a luxurious life!

There were boys too, of course—boys who came to Wright Hall so frequently that we may well include them under "Wright Hall."

The Thanksgiving dinner of course was the main thing. It was served up in Miss Albertson's best style, the style we all know and love so well. We had all the roast turkey we could eat, as well as cranberry sauce, olives, both mince and pumpkin pies, nuts, candy, apples—but I must not forget the soup we started out with, even though the desert is always the most appealing. We had guests at our dinner, and were glad they could be with us.

Thursday night we had an "old-fashioned" party, which the boys helped to live up. We played "Buzz" and found Irene Remington the best buzzer; we played "mental Telepathy" and were astounded at the deep mysteries of the mind (?) After a delightful game of "musical chairs," corn was popped before the open fire. It is surely surprising what a vast amount of corn one can eat—even after a Thanksgiving dinner.

But Friday night, we had our best party, for it was an old-time masquerade party. Melvin Vender and Robert McAllister looked like veritable twins, while Thomas Jackson in his middy and skirt, was indeed a "cute" little girl. Esther Richetts in her gorgeous gown was a sight to behold; and we didn't know Alice, until she, took her head off. What fun it was to dance the Virginia Reel, and how hard to keep from laughing, lest you be found out. Later, when we had our masks off, we spun the platter, took forfeits from those who failed to catch it, and had an evening's entertainment waiting for the forfeits to be redeemed. Robert McAllister gave us a thrilling speech on woman suffrage; Harry Louder Van Duzen sang his big "hit," "Roaming in the Gloaming," while Mr. Sanchez gave us a truly Spanish song, and our substitute dean, Miss Hitchcock, opened her soul to us in answering three questions. After a vigorous game of "musical chairs," we were glad to sit around the fire and pop corn again. Mr. Jackson and Mr. Davis proved heroes, in supplying us with butter and salt.

Now we are running around once more with our noses deep in our books, but we know this much, the Thanksgiving holiday has helped us to get better acquainted and holds a jolly grin for us, in our memories.

Wooster scored a touch-down by the use of two stereopticons which were out practically every night for three weeks. Oberlin made a high record by sending out 61 different students, with the air of a professor as coach. In Cleveland Western Reserve men did excellent service at the polls on election day and in the previous street meetings. At Defiance the young women furnished most of the thirty-five students who aided local committees.

The management of this student campaign was under the experienced direction of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association its Field Secretaries and the Ohio State President of the Association. The work was done with the cooperation of the Anti-Saloon League and the local county and city federation committees.

(One '19) Where y' been?
('Nother '19) To the cemetery.
Anybody dead?
Sure, everyone of 'em.

DR. NOTESTEIN LECTURES TO ASTRONOMY CLASS

Last Tuesday evening Dr. Notestein gave his illustrated lecture on "The Moon," to his astronomy class and a few of their friends. In order to more plainly illustrate some of the forces operative in the moon's evolution he used fifty lantern slides.

Dr. Notestein traced the history of the moon from the time it was a self-luminous body to the present. By the aid of lantern slides he clearly demonstrated the result of the forces working upon the moon. After learning that the moon is devoid of an appreciable atmosphere the class saw a number of views illustrating some of the physical elements and phenomena of the moon, showing the irregular character of the surface which appears to be more or less volcanic in its nature. By means of a number of theoretical slides he discussed the probable cause and formation of the lunar volcanoes. After comparing the lunar Appennines with the Alps the doctor stated that the mountain scenery on the moon excelled that on the earth, the mountains of the moon being proportionately higher and more rugged. He closed by showing how the earth would appear to an observer on the moon.

By means of lantern slides Dr. Notestein graphically illustrated some of the principles which the class have considered in their regular work.

SOPHOMORE TEAM WINS BASKETBALL GAME

Monday night the Sophomore basketball team journeyed to St. Louis and played a practice game with the St. Louis high school. Coach Austin's men were new at the game and stood a slim show against Gaffney's well developed material. Richards, playing center for the Sophomores showed up in fine shape, and Coleman at forward consistently found the basket for some fine shoots. The first half ended with the score 19 to 1 for the Alma team, St. Louis not being able to make a single basket. When the final whistle blew the score stood 48 to 10 for Alma. Gaffney the Sophomore captain was unable to play the entire game an account of an injury. Had he been able the final score would no doubt have been greater.

After the first game, "Dusty" and four other St. Louis athletes, including the superintendent and the principle of the high school challenged the victorious Sophomores to a twenty minute match. Of course the challenge was accepted and the St. Louis team was drubbed to the tune of 19 to 8.

Richards C.
Jessup R. G.
Coleman R. F.
Smith-Gaffney L. F.

CIVILIZATION'S BULWARK.

The chairman of the committee was addressing a meeting at a teachers' institute:

"My friends, the schoolwork is the bulwark of civilization. I mean—ah—"

He began to feel frightened.

"The bulwark is the schoolwork of civ—"

A smile could be felt.

"The workhouse is the bulwark of—"

He was evidently twisted.

"The bulwark is the housework—"

An audible snigger spread over the audience.

"The bulwark—"

He was getting wild. So were his hearers. He mopped his perspiration, gritted his teeth, and made a fresh start.

"The schoolhouse, my friends—"

A sigh of relief went up. Hamlet was himself again!

He gazed serenely around. The light of triumphant self-confidence was enthroned upon his brow.

"Is the bulwark—"

And that is when he lost consciousness.—London Answers.

FOOTBALL SEASON A SUCCESS

Team Makes Best Showing Since 1912. Prospects Good for Next Year.

The 1915 football season will linger long in the minds of Alma football fans and players, as one year in which Alma lost not one Michigan Intercollegiate football game, yet while theoretically tied for the title as champions, cannot morally, from a standpoint of good sportsmanship, claim that tie.

Truly the way of the transgressor is hard, Alma over reached in that Albion game. Following that established custom of believing that the walk out on a football field and going through the motions of playing will bring a victory over Albion College is where the 1915 team transgressed. The team went through the motions—but Alma faced a different Albion team—a team that could and did play hard against Alma, without a sign of a letup, until the final whistle blew. Alma had her chance to defeat Albion—a poorly played game—a tie score—Albion defeated Olivet—and the title is Albion's.

Alma started the season like a whirlwind. Notre Dame was held to a good score, 32 to 0, M. A. C., was given a scare at the start of the M. A. C.—Alma game, when Alma scored twice by the touchdown route in as many minutes. In this game Alma scored their first touchdown ever made on M. A. C. from a kickoff.

These two games out of the way, Alma started her M. I. A. A. schedule, and startled everyone with the ease with which she toppled the Hillsdale veterans, favorite up to that time for the 1915 honors. The defeat hit Hillsdale so hard that she went from bad to worse, making a miserable showing the rest of the year. Then the Kazoo Normals—the less said the better in regard to that defeat in which Alma was out of her class. The Albion game found Alma in poor shape, and playing poor football, and as it was after proven, Alma passed up her chance for an undisputed championship, being able to get only an even break with the Methodists, each getting a touchdown. Alma's came through a 95 yard run by Al French.

From then on for two weeks the Olivet game held the interest of everyone, and so many expressed their intentions of going that a special car was chartered to make the trip to the Crimson stronghold. Olivet 7, Alma 7, the score said, but it failed to in any way show the great possibilities in the Alma eleven. Olivet scored the second play in the final quarter. It looked like a sure defeat, and the Olivet fans were wild with delight. The hundred odd Alma fans still clung to the shred of hope that was left. The kickoff, a new team on the field for Alma; the same men, but a rejuvenated eleven. Olivet could not stand before the smashes of the Alma attack. Her defenses went to pieces, the Crimson making first down but once before the game ended. Alma had the ball, punting could not the ball; tore through them when Alma had the ball, punting could not save the Olivet goal. Eleven men, wild with determination and fighting like a machine shoved the ball over. The goal followed, and the feat was accomplished. Alma had not gone to defeat before Olivet on the Olivet field for the first time in over fifteen years.

No single man can be picked out for his work during the season. Every man deserves and should get great credit for his work in bringing Alma back to the top of the M. I. A. A. in football, after a year in the basement with its stagen atmosphere. Also there is a coach around somewhere, Bleamaster.

While the team displayed the best kind of work at times, it really should be said that at times poor work was shown. Never, however, that which is

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"The Messiah," Friday Evening December 17.

All out for the great Handel, Oratorio, "The Messiah." It will be given Friday evening, Dec. 17, in the Presbyterian church.

More interest should be given to the learning of this great choral production. Alma has heretofore been very good in support of such things, but it is felt that yet the support is far from what it ought to be in a town of this size and class. It is the wish of the club to make the rendition of "The Messiah," an annual affair here as it is in many other towns, some even much smaller than Alma. It can be made an institution here if it is given hearty support now.

The opera was written in 1841 and has met the approval of each generation to the present time. Now its popularity is growing marvelously fast. One noted composer said that the "Messiah" comes as near being sublime as the work of man can come.

The work is divided into three parts. The first includes the foretelling of the Messiah by the Prophets, the announcements heralding his birth, and the reception of the tidings of great joy by the Shepherds. The second part begins with Christ's appearance on earth as Savior of mankind, and treats of his passion, death and exaltation. The third part makes a declaration of the truth of Christianity, and the surety of eternal happiness after the resurrection of the body.

Splendid talent has been obtained for this solo work.

Mr. Hugh Dickerson, of Chicago, will again appear in the bass role. Since Mr. Dickerson left Alma as a member of the faculty of the College School of Music, he has been in study at the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago.

The tenor role will be taken by one who is not an entire stranger to Alma music lovers. Mr. Knapp, now head of the department of music at the Central State Normal has been procured for this important part.

Chicago furnishes us one other soloist in the person of Miss Lora Withers, who is leading soloist in the First Congregational church of Evanston, Ill.

Miss Gladys Bradner of Oakland, Cal., and a student in the college will sing the contralto. She has appeared on several occasions since she has been in the city and those who have heard her appreciate the voice she possesses.

In the orchestra we have the pleasure in announcing Miss Grace D. Roberts who will again preside over the pipe organ. Miss Sadie Messinger, of this city will appear as pianist.

With these and Mr. Boom Blinston violinist and conductor of the orchestra, we will have opportunity of hearing a very good orchestra.

Tickets for "The Messiah," to holders of Lyceum Course tickets will be sold for the small sum of twenty-five cents each. Others will be charged thirty-five cents.

Support the work of the Club and the interesting efforts of Prof. Veatch by attending this production. You will appreciate it. It is worth appreciating.

"When you down Booze, that is personal liberty when Booze downs you, that is Slavery."

VALUE OF "TIME BUDGETS"

Miss Ballou Leads a Very Profitable and Well Attended Prayer Meeting.

Miss Ballou led a very interesting prayer meeting last Wednesday evening. After a few songs and short prayers the leader opened the discussion of the evening. She chose as her topic the general subject of "Time Budgets."

After reading selections from Matthew and Luke the leader pointed out that for every considerable undertaking financial budgets are made. The probable expenditure is always planned out to a nicety. In efficient business organization every dollar is assigned to its particular work, is given its specified task to perform. But although we are quick to appreciate the value of systematic expenditure yet when it comes to the use and expenditure of our time we are dangerously prodigal. We forget that the hours and days are golden grains of sand slipping thru the hour glass of eternity. We forget that the minutes have a definite cash value and should therefore be accounted for in our daily expenditure of time.

Admitting then that our time is invaluable and in fact represents a positive monetary value should we not organize its expenditure, in a word, should we not make time budgets? Every man has twenty-four hours in each day. One man wastes these moments, another recognizing the value of time, saves them. What is the result? One earns a fortune in some form, the other is left in very mediocre circumstances. What conclusion must we arrive at? Just this that it is how the twenty-four hours are disposed of that counts; not the time that we have, but what we put into that time.

To properly organize and dispose of our time is therefore one of the biggest problems for the college student to solve. It is evident that we cannot concentrate our energies on everything therefore we must devote the major portion of our time to whatever is of most value to us. The leader further pointed out that we all should make out our time budgets according to our purpose in college. In conclusion Miss Ballou made plain that we should not neglect religion in planning our work. In fact we were reminded that this is important above all else for Christ tells us to "seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

After a few words from different students the meeting closed. All who attended are agreed that the meeting was not only interesting but very helpful.

Don't forget the Philo Fair, Saturday, Dec. 11, at Wright Hall.

NOT A BIGAMIST.

"There's a gentleman in the parlor, sir," said the maid.

"Did he give you his name, Katie?" asked the man of the house.

"Oh, no, sir; but I think it's the one who wants to give it to your daughter."—Yonker Statesman.

Do your Christmas shopping at the Philo Fair.



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EDITORIALS

THE STAR OF HOPE.

What is it makes you lift your head,
When everything has gone dead
wrong;
What is it makes you vow to win
To conquer though the road is long?
Tis just the fact that 'mongst the
things,
The good Lord gave to human kind,
Is that small spark, the star of hope,
The gift to seek and seeking find.

The rougher paved the road may be,
The sweeter is the rest at last
The tighter barred the gates of light,
The fairer when the gate is passed.

This world would be a dreary place,
Could we not see thru all the clouds,
The star of hope shine true and clear,
O'er casting all our graves and shrouds.

Someday, sometime, when men are
wise,
They'll learn to know a better way,
But as it is, we strive and hope,
Through dreary night and endless day.

And it's only by rising above the
knocks,
That are coming to you and me,
We may win to the goal of the star of
hope,
Through the fires of adversity.

SMILES AND SNEERS.

A sneer never brought better than
a KICK to anybody.
Jack Johnson sneered at those he
defeated, and at others, and the whole
world is glad Willard licked him.
If Willard has the good sense to
keep smiling, and smiling, and smiling,
the whole world, black and white,
will be glad when he wins other victories,
and will be sorry for him on that
day when some scrapper lays him
low with a whack in the solar plexus
or a punch to the jaw.
Napoleon sneered—and died at St.
Helena.

Quick witted France learned that
the Napoleonic stuff was no good, and
today when she is fighting hard, and
smiling and being polite, everybody—
even the GERMANS—praise France.
Absolutely no good comes from the
sneer.

The curled lip invites a punch in
the nose.
The haughty, overbearing, buying
sneering, conceited, supercilious man
or woman or nation stands to be
taken down a peg sooner or later.

Look at the faces you see when you
go to work tomorrow morning. See
which invite friendship and confidence
and help, and which invite a scrap.
See if the first sentence in this little
editorial isn't true.—Lansing State
Journal.

Dear Almanian Editor:

A bit of Alma spirit was shown to-
night, when Lou Huber, of Elk Rapids,
Floyd Smith, Lydia Malpas, Majorie
Chase, Jennie Waterman, and Frank
Whittington of East Jordan met in-
formally. Others of the party had vis-
ited Alma so were interested in the
Almanian paragraphs and Alma re-
miniscences. The evening was ended
with the Alma song and a toast to the
future of Alma.

Nov. 27, 1915

ZETA SIGMA.

The regular meeting of Zeta Sigma
was held Monday evening, Nov. 22. A
fine program was given, each number
showing a great amount of prepara-
tion. A very spirited debate, Res-
olved that the United States should

take immediate steps to increase its
army and navy was won by the nega-
tive.

Captain Mark Spinney reviewed the
1915 football season.

Craig gave a declamation.
Debate resolved that the United
States should make an immediate in-
crease in its army and navy.

Affirmative: Melvin, Parker and
Murphy.

Negative: Stafford, Hebert and
Thurau.

A paper: "Woman Suffrage the
Issue," was given by Foote.

A paper written by Reginald Bur-
ritt was read by Don Smith.

PHI PHI ALPHA.

At the regular meeting, Nov. 29,
Burch was initiated into the society.
After the initiation the following pro-
gram was given.

Reading—Oration by Patrick Henry
by Notestein.

Reading—The all star team by A.
Beshgetoor.

Impromptu—The Pioneer Hall Cat,
by Van Duzen.

Impromptu—Thanksgiving at Wright
Hall by Schermerhorn.

Impromptu—Should women propose
by Davis.

Impromptu—My all M. I. A. A. team,
by Macaulay.

Impromptu—Henry Ford, by Pipen-

FROEBEL.

At the last meeting of the society
a program of songs and instrumental
music was given. As it was the first
meeting after Thanksgiving the regu-
lar program was postponed until later.
We expect to resume our regular work
Monday evening.

PHILOMATHEAN.

The Philomathean Literary society
held its regular meeting Monday, Nov.
22nd. The roll call was responded to
by Current Events. Committees were
appointed for the Fair, which is to be
held Dec. 11th. The resignation of
Miss Brown as Almanian reporter
was received and Miss Baker was
elected to fill her place. The program
for the evening consisted of an im-
promptu debate on "Resolved, that it
is advantageous that a student get
through college with the least possible
study." The judges gave a unanimous
decision for the affirmative. Miss
Layser was the affirmative leader and
Miss Carl, the negative.

LOCALS.

Miss Grace Roberts who was called
to her home by the illness of her
mother is again back to her duties.

Vern Van Duzen spent the week
end at the home of his parents in
Breckenridge.

Don't forget the Philo Fair, Satur-
day, Dec. 11.

Paul Austin '15 was a campus vis-
itor Saturday, Nov. 26, having
stopped on return from his Thank-
sgiving vacation spent with parents in
Monroe, to his duties in the St. Louis
high school. The unfavorable report
was brought that his brother Alvin
(Shadow), who was in school last year
was awaiting an operation for ap-
pendicitis.

Alger Wood, '15 who is teaching
at Fenton high school spent Thank-
sgiving vacation with his parents of
his city and with campus friends.

Beulah Parr, '15 who holds a posi-
tion as teacher in the Wyandotte
schools was a guest of her parents
over Thanksgiving vacation.

Mrs Hurst, '04, has moved with her
family to Alma. She had expected
to make her home here but as yet has
not been successful in finding a suit-
able house. We understand that in-
case she finds nothing suitable she
will take her family to Northville,
Mich., to live.

Miss Ethel Zipp is receiving a visit
from her mother for a few days.

Miss Edna Ward entertained her
cousin, Bernice Crandell during the
Thanksgiving vacation.

WRIGHT HALL NEWS.

Miss Bess Bishop is the guest of
Bess Brown for a few days.

Miss Edna Elsie returned from her
Thanksgiving vacation Wednesday,
Miss Clara Frary accompanying her
for a short visit. Miss Elsie has de-
cided not to remain for the rest of the
year however and left for home Satur-
day.

The girls who remained here for the
vacation had a grand and glorious
time. The reception room was a very
popular place and late permissions
were greatly appreciated. The habit
stayed evidently for the door bell was
heard many times after the Dean de-
cided it was ten o'clock on Friday
night.

Miss Blanch Healy returned to Ann
Arbor after spending the Thank-
sgiving vacation with friends here.

Miss Gladys Dershem was the guest
of Otha McCracken during the vaca-
tion.

Information useful and otherwise
has been obtained by many of the
residents of Wright Hall by means of
exercising a bit of mental telepathy.
Many before unanswered questions
have been answered and many faces
once long, have become round and
radiant. If any great change is
noticed in the faces of Wright Hall
occupants, this may explain that
change.

Miss Amoretta DeWitt, who has
been supplying in the Belding high
school is back in college.

Miss Louise Beck returned Saturday
after being absent for several days on
account of illness.

THANKS, JACK.

Before his mirror, Jack Maguggle
carefully painted freckles on his
handsome face and drew on a false
wig and beard.

"A-ha, Watson, pass the pickles!"
he muttered, and hid him to the
opera, where his ticket called for a
seat in box A.

In box B sat a lovely young wom-
an charmingly attired in a sen-sen
colored gown relieved by peanut bars.
With her was a saturnine in his but-
tonhole.

Jack Maguggle stared at this
young dream of beauty intently. In
fact, never once, even during the
exquisitely sung "Simpadoxus" aria,
did he remove his eyes from that
vision of loveliness. And as he
stared, he made no attempt to hide
his adoration.

The escort of the gorgeous young
woman scoffed and attempted to
catch Maguggle's eyes, but Magug-
gle's eyes, as aforesaid, were busy.
After the opera, Maguggle, waiting
in the foyer, slipped a note into the
fair one's hand. The escort saw,
and his face grew black.

Maguggle arrived home before his
sister, whose first words were, "Oh,
Jack, thanks awfully! He proposed
three times without stopping, coming
home in the taxi. Wherever did you
get that wig?"

Birds of prey generally seek their
prey in the daytime, while beasts of
prey generally seek theirs at night.

Y. W. NOTES.

Miss Heartwell, the Field Secretary
of the Florence Crittenden Home of
Detroit gave a very interesting talk at
the Y. W. C. A. Sunday afternoon.

The Florence Crittenden Home in
Detroit, is one of the divisions of the
great Crittenden movement in America,
this home was started nineteen years
ago and has accomplished a great
work. Miss Heartwell said "as each
girl is going to college here in Alma
just so each girl has a plan." She
begged that our plan might not be a
selfish one but that we might think
and work for others in the Big
Sister movement.

Will you be at the Philo Fair Sat-
urday, December 11, at Wright Hall?



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Alumni Round Table

Where we are and what we are doing



Juneau, Alaska, November 22, 1915. The Weekly Almanian. Alma, Michigan.

Dear Sir: It is with pleasure I send a word to the college paper. There are few who are more 'Almanian' than I, starting in with the first year prep. and graduating from the classical course. Seven years on the campus is ten per cent. of a good long life.

After Princeton I preached seven years in Montana, and am now in my seventh year at Juneau, Alaska. While not generally recognized as a Moses among my people I am emphasizing to you that I am sufficiently like him to be able to divide my career into equal parts. I might add that I only lacked a few years of twenty-one when I first blended my personality with the campus green. Kindly remember me to old Mr. and Mrs. Burkhard, with whom I roomed for several years, they will doubtless remember me with tears.

It might be of interest to a few old friends to know that the Northern Light church has grown so far away from a mission proposition that this summer I was extended a call by the congregation and on the twenty-fourth of last month installed pastor, being the first installed pastor in the history of Presbyterian work in the territory of Alaska. I consider it quite an honor and privileged position.

I am fortunately located in the capitol city and in a rapidly developing gold mining center. Within a few years this will doubtless be the greatest gold producing district in the world. We are confidently expecting and working for a church growth parallel to other development.

Most sincerely your
John E. Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis King, of Alma, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth to Robert H. Cook who graduated with the class of 1912. 'Bob' while in college was engaged in all forms of school activities but particularly in football and basketball. He was picked as full back on the all state eleven. At present he is employed by the Mutual Benefit Life Ins. Co. with his headquarters in Glen Falls, N. Y. We understand that he is doing a very successful business.

Miss King is one of Alma's most dightful young ladies and their friends wish to extend their congratulations and best wishes.

We are in receipt of a letter from J. C. Foote, '00, stating that he is well pleased with the Almanian this year. We wish to thank him for remembering that we too are human beings.

Mr. Foote graduated from the Ithaca high school in '94. After being out of school for two years he decided to continue his education. In the fall of '96 he entered Alma College. As was the custom he took a literary course. Although primarily interested in his college work yet he found time to participate in a large number of college activities. He was a member of the college male quartet, Mandolin Club and was active in Zeta Sigma and Y. M. C. A. In '98 he played first base on the baseball team. During the football seasons of '98 and '99 he played left half. Besides base-

ball and football he was for four years a member of the track team. After being graduated in 1900 with the degree of A.B. he took graduate work in English at Harvard university.

Since leaving Alma he has been engaged in educational work. Mr. Foote held the chair of Mathematics and Oratory at Lewis Academy, Wichita, Kansas. During one summer he was engaged in institute work in Kansas. Leaving Lewis Academy he accepted a position in the English department of the Penn. State Normal school situated at Bloomsburg. For five years he has taught the Men's Organized Bible class of the Presbyterian church at Bloomsburg. Although busy with his school work yet he has found time to give a number of educational and religious addresses. In 1912 the Penna. State Chestnut Blight Commission employed him to do some research work.

In 1904 he was married to Miss Mildred Holt. They have three children, Paul, Dorothy and Grace. Mr. and Mrs. Foote's present address is Bloomsburg, Pa.

ATTENTION ALUMNI

We have been publishing a good deal of alumni news in every issue this year. From numerous sources we have received expressions of commendation. We are glad to keep this up and intend to throughout the year. However the measure of our success in this department depends largely upon You, Alma Alumni. When we send you circulars to be filled out and returned we expect that this will be attended to promptly. Without this information we will be unable to properly edit this page. Briefly then, we wish to urge ever loyal Alma Alumnus and Alumna to fill the blanks that we send you and return them at once and to report to us any item that might be of interest to old students. Many interesting items must necessarily never come to our notice. A large part of the success of this page depends upon you. Let's cooperate a little more and come in closer touch with each other and friends of college days.

We have made a systematic canvass of the student body for subscription. Our efforts to put ourselves on a sound financial basis have met with marked success. We appreciate the loyalty of the student body and we believe that the alumni are just as willing and glad to support the college paper as any member of the student body.

For this reason we want to urge every one who is receiving the Almanian and who has not as yet paid their subscription to remit the dollar at once to the business manager. After January the subscription price will be one dollar and a quarter, therefore you cannot afford to wait until the new year before you pay up. If upon receipt of a statement from us you are unable to, at once, send the dollar please let us know when it will be convenient to pay it.

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termed rank work. At times the team seemed to lie back until the opposition was almost on the Alma goal; then strengthen, take the ball and chase back down the field. Think of the scoring chances Alma might have had, had this not been the case. There is also room for improvement in the open game, the writer believes. The falling down in this department of the game, may be attributed to the injury to M. Smith, who usually tossed the pass. Out of the game for three weeks, there was less passing than when he was playing. His passing suffered through the enforced rest, and the receivers of the passes probably also suffered slightly, through receiving a less number.

Fight in the middle of the field, as well as on the goal line, an improvement in the open game, and next season there will be no question as to the right of the Maroon and Cream to pose as the undisputed champion of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Even so, it will not be amiss to have a few more football men in school. Know of any good ones students? If so head them for Alma.

In selecting an all M. I. A. A. team this year, I wish to again use the words that accompanied the article which appeared with the recent selection of mine in the Detroit News Tribune. "—point out the fact that in nearly every position this season are men of practically ever caliber, making selections most difficult. Never before in the history of the M. I. A. A. have the teams been so evenly balanced. Especially is this true of Albion, Olivet and Alma."

First Team.

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|---------------|---------------|-----------|
| Richards |R.E..... | Alma |
| Roberts |R.T..... | Hillsdale |
| Frausch |R.G..... | Kalamazoo |
| Riggs (Capt.) |C..... | Albion |
| Hall |L.G..... | Kalamazoo |
| Johnston |L.T..... | Alma |
| Cunningham |L.E..... | Olivet |
| Watson |Q..... | Olivet |
| Barbour |R.H..... | Hillsdale |
| Hyde |L.H..... | Alma |
| Cunningham |F.B..... | Albion |

Second Team.

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|-----------------|---------------|-----------|
| Pasco |R.E..... | Albion |
| French |R.T..... | Alma |
| Cameron |R.G..... | Olivet |
| Conrad |C..... | Kalamazoo |
| Miller |L.G..... | Alma |
| Opdyke |L.T..... | Olivet |
| Spinney (Capt.) |L.E..... | Alma |
| M. Smith |Q..... | Alma |
| Hannigan |R.H..... | Olivet |
| Walker |L.R..... | Kalamazoo |
| Tarbell |F.B..... | Hillsdale |

In pointing out the reasons for the selections, I shall in this article deal only with the Alma men picked for the first team, owing to lack of space.

Richards, at right end, is easily the star of this position, having such class that his selection is an easy one. Richards has played every minute in every Alma M. I. A. A. game, has shown himself good on offense in carrying the ball and receiving the forward pass. On defense he proved a whirlwind, especially in the Notre Dame, M. A. C. and Olivet games. He has not been out played in an M. I. A. A. game.

Eddie Johnston is given the call over Opdyke of Olivet, chosen last year, playing a far better and more consistent game. The Olivet giant, failed to play his usual game this year.

Hyde at left half is the only possible selection. He has failed just once during the entire season to gain ground when called upon on offense. He is a half of the smashing type, and the greater portion of his gains have been made by climbing over or under his opponents or by ripping up their lines. On defense he is equally as good.

Should every man come back for next year's team, Alma would have a wonderful small college eleven, but rumor says that such is not to be. Three at least will not return next year. Even then Alma will have fourteen back. A little new material besides the fourteen left will place Alma at the top of the M. I. A. A. football scrap next year. Everyone should work to bring a good football man to Alma next fall, so that Alma can complete the comeback that has been started, by placing Alma again in the front as champions of the Michigan Intercollegiate, and so far ahead of the other teams that there will be no chance for dispute over Alma's right to the title.

Homer M. Dunham.

POWER OF PERSEVERANCE.

Perseverance is the Power that does things.

Brains, strength and ability count for naught in the Race of Life without Perseverance.

The great majority of successful people are second-rate people.

The failures as a rule are the geniuses and fools.

The line of demarcation between the genius and the fool has never been determined. The genius is the result of a mental abnormality as is the fool. The only way we distinguish between them is that the genius in his flights of fancy or inventive ability now and then produces something wonderful. For instance, we call a man a fool who gets a new and radical idea; when he proves it, we call him a genius.

The Law of Compensation never rests. Nature, as if to compensate those whom she has endowed with less talent, usually leaves out of the make-up of the genius the ingredient of Perseverance.

The big permanent achievements of the world are not made in a single spurt. They are accomplished by slow, arduous, painstaking, continuous, patient, persistent effort. The toadstool grows in a single night; but the oak grows a century.

"Genius," said Edison, "is ninety per cent. perspiration and ten per cent. inspiration."

The fact is that it is hard work, and not a wave of the wand of genius, that produces the wonders of the cunning brain and the skilled hand.

Lincoln wrote the famous address on a scrap of brown wrapping paper while on his way to the great battlefield. But his preparation to write that speech was a life of much sorrow, hard work and hardships, all faced with a loving heart which was chastened and sweetened by the bitterness it experienced.

Lincoln's speech at Gettysburg was not the product of genius. It was greater than genius. It was the expression of a life.

The brilliant two-hour speech of genius, delivered on the same occasion by the word-fame orator, Edward Everett, who preceded Lincoln, has long since been forgotten and only a few know that he even spoke there.

The words of Lincoln are of the warp and woof of life. As long as life continues his words will thrill and inspire the hearts of men.

That which genius produces is often fantastic and amazing; but it lacks the stability to stand the test of time.

Endurance is a matter of slow development, a hardening, toughening, solidifying process.

No great invention or discovery has been produced by a flash of genius. Great inventions, like other great achievements, require not the blinding flashlight of genius so much as the less brilliant but longer and steadier light of thought and reason to wrench from the warkness of the unsolved the secrets that must be discovered and combined to produce the invention.

Alfred Russell Wallace and Charles Darwin were both great scientists.

Wallace had a touch of genius that enabled him to make most apt explanations of things before he had conclusive proof of their correctness.

Charles Darwin was a plodder, a collator of scientific data.

He spent thirty years collecting data, comparing facts, investigating phenomena, before he formulated the Law of Evolution.

Alfred Russell Wallace had observed some striking incidences which led him to believe that there was in the process of things a gradual but certain evolution from one form to another, a graduation of lower types into higher ones, a combination of simple cells and forms into complex forms.

He and Darwin were trustworthy friends, so Wallace wrote Darwin of his conclusions. Darwin replied that there was no question of the principle of evolution. He sent Wallace the results of his thirty years' work which had convinced him of the fact of evolution.

Wallace's genius could give the correct explanation; but it was the tireless and unflinching perseverance of Darwin which made it possible for that brilliant constellation of scientists, Darwin, Wallace, Huxley and Spencer, to establish the fact of evolution beyond a doubt.

Perseverance overcomes all obstacles.

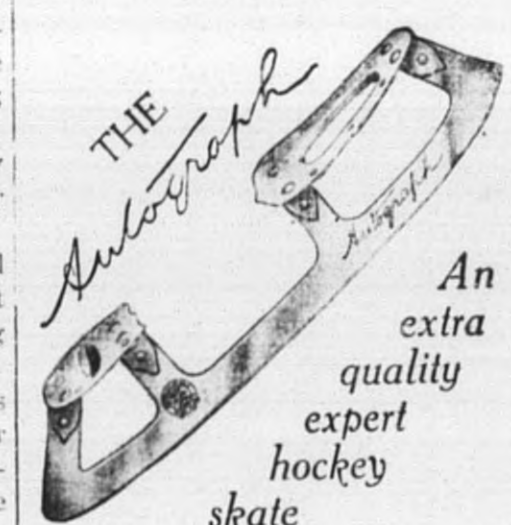
"If you do not succeed, try and try again."—By James W. Breckman.

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