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J. EARNEST MCAFEE, SPEAKS

Secretary of Home Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church Addresses Chapel Service.

The crowd that assembled in Chapel on Thursday morning heard an exceptional address. We were not only pleased with the message of the splendid discourse, but also with Mr. McAfee's wit and personality, which brought his message to us in an informal manner and with a tremendous impression.

"Do we appreciate the times in which we live?" was the burning question which the speaker presented to his audience. "We are living in tremendous times." It adds more momentum to our efforts if we realize the condition and character of the tremendous times in which we live. We no longer live in a community to ourselves. The affairs of the world are at our door. The timble catastrophe raging in Europe today is affecting our very attitude towards human dealing.

We will soon be emerging into a new world, Mr. McAfee then spoke of a debate which took place in the East, in which the professor of history in Harvard university and two brilliant Chinese and Japanese took part. With all the differences which came out in that debate, the one thing in which they all agreed was the fact, that from present events we are to move into a brand new world. Students are to have a great part in determining the thought and character of that world. The discourse then settled around two main truths.

First, students should be conscious of the mutability of mere methods and forms. Although we ought to sanctify the ideas of those gone before, nevertheless we must recognize the tremendous potency of youth. And accept and promulgate those things which are carrying human life on and upward. Of course progress is gradual. Revolutions don't work substantial changes. The American Revolution didn't emancipate the slaves. The French revolution led into the popolectic state with its bitter and harassing element.

Looking into the future, we must remember that revolutions don't succeed. The future has its roots in the past, and we must take our legacy out of the past and don't try revolution. But good is sure to come out of the right movement, which will be gradual, moving forward and upward. Good will come out of this present war. The modern Frenchman and German will be more fit to survey and judge the "divine rights of kings, and the divine right of war." Modern Europe will open to a fine sense of democracy and human liberty. As students today, you will be the citizens of tomorrow. You must take hold of these truths and utilize them. Will America profit like Europe from this present struggle. It must realbe the problems of commercialism and individualism that is growing up within its borders. Oh! keep your vision clear. It will rest with the trained leadership, trained in the facts of history, to guide and hold democracy true.

You are in a Christian college. These will be expected of you, for the church will need your services in its serious overhauling of the future, will you at it fall?

The roots of the "Religious Future," are in the past. You must be loyal to the instrument of the past. But the church is calling for the best trained talent available. Your's is the big problem of aking the church and moulding it into an instrument to serve your time. This will call for the submergence of private interest. The community spirit must dominate. Individualism with its spirit to get, is pressing hard, but it must not dominate. Spiritual blood must lead. We are beams building up the church of God. This is a job that demands red blood and the most stalwart courage. We

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HARD BATTLE GOES AGAINST JUNIORS

Last week, Tuesday afternoon the Juniors and Sophomores hooked up in the first battle for the Interclass Championship of Alma College and a battle that has never been equalled in interclass scraps was the outcome. At the end of the regular playing time the teams were tied at 14 points each, and twice five minutes additional was tacked onto the original time before the teams could reach a verdict, the fighting Sophs finally nosing out the Juniors by a margin of two points, the score standing 22 to 20, when the ten minutes overtime had been use up.

All during the game, crude basket ball was shown by both teams, due greatly to a lack of practice. In fact the Junior team had not been together for even one practice before the battle. While the playing was crude, and being crude, rough, the game was one that was most interesting as both teams fought their hardest to gain the upper hand and land the verdict.

The Sophs led off with a rush to start the game, scoring two points on fouls, Gaffney getting the points. Spinney annexed a point for the Juniors on a foul, getting them into the scoring column, after which they failed to score until near the end of the half, when Hyde slipped a field basket over the Sophs. After Spinney brought the Juniors into the scoring column, the Sophs continued their point making, Richards and Jessup each getting a field basket and Richards also landing two points from fouls. The half ended with the Sophs on the long end of an 8 to 3 score.

At this stage, it seemed only a question of how big a score the Sophs would roll up on the Juniors. Imbued with that fighting spirit that has made Alma College famous, the Juniors came back in the second half with an eye for vengeance, and in a very few minutes had the score tied at 9 points each. From then on until the end of the final half the two teams fought madly to get an edge on the other that would give them a victory, but each held each other to even scores according to the official score, although the white marks on the blackboard had the Sophs one point short, due to a failure to credit one of Gaffney's fouls early in the game.

Under the rulings, this assessed five minutes more to the playing time, each team getting two field baskets during the five minutes, tying them again at 18 points each. For a second time five minutes was added to the time, and the Sophs again landed two baskets, while the best the Juniors could do was one, and they fell two points behind on the final count.

The work of the men on the two teams, showed up some nice possibilities for the Maroon and Cream quintet, and leads the writer to believe that Alma will have another fast and strong Michigan Intercollegiate team in the M. I. A. A. ring this year. The work of Spinney, Gaffney, Jessup, French, Johnston, Hyde, and Melvin was particularly noticeable.

The lineup and summary:
JUNIORS. Positions. SOPHS.
Spinney R. F. Jessup
Friedman L. E. Gaffney, Coleman
Johnston C. Richards, Gaffney
Cheney, McCauley, R. G. French
Hyde L. L. Melvin
Field baskets: Johnson 3, Spinney 2, Friedman, Hyde, Gaffney 3, Jessup 3, Richards, Melvin.

Fouls: Spinney 4 out of 12. Hyde 0 in 1. Gaffney 4 out of 8. Richards 2 out of 4. Friedman 4 out of 1.
Score first half, Sophs, 8; Juniors 3.

Score end of second half, Sophs, 14; Juniors, 14.

Score end of second half, Sophs, 18; Juniors 18.

Final score, Sophs 22; Juniors 20.

Referee: Maxwell, Alma high school.—Homer Dunham.

After a shirt has been to the laundry a few times it is pretty well done up.

ZETA SIGMA HOLD BANQUET

Held in Weese Hall Was Delightful Affair and Well Attended.

On Friday, Dec. 11, was held the twenty-seventh annual banquet of the Zeta Sigma. This year breaking with old traditions, for the sake of novelty, and impelled by the need of a larger seating capacity, the Weese hall was chosen for the place of festivity.

The guests began to assemble at nine and enjoyed an informal chat before forming in line to wend their way into the banquet hall. Here a scene of exquisite daintiness met their gaze. Ropes of blue and white crepe paper, Zeta Sigma colors, were hung from the corners, making a canopy, suspending at intervals baskets filled with flowers. The tables were lighted by blue shaded candles, which shed a soft glow over the rainbow colored frocks. Large baskets of fruit decorated with bows in the prevailing color scheme were attractive centerpieces, while each guest found as a favor a white carnation.

A sumptuous five course dinner was tastily served. Popular selections from the orchestra seated apart in a blue and white latticed alcove, added zest to the occasion and made feet beat in sympathetic accord. Gaiety ran high and everyone forgot to be formal in the joy of association and in the pleasure of meeting again the many alumni who returned for the event.

Only an artist's brush could do justice to the gowns of the ladies, they were of many stuffs and many hues, giving the most telling stroke to the whole lovely picture.

"After the feast comes the feasting" and after eating to our heart's content we were feasted with such wit and humor as is rare even in Alma's halls. Montie McFarlane, the society's president, acted as toastmaster, introducing each speaker with a clever comment and they retaliating with stories on Montie's native village and with thrusts about his affairs with cupid. Baldy McCloy, now principal at Northville, spoke on "Zeta Sigma Spirit," which lives not only through college years but throughout life. Oscar Anderson without whom no college function has been complete for the last decade was a man well qualified to speak on his subject, "Reflection." He gave us a glimpse of the former great men in Zeta Sigma many of whom like himself began their career in the humble office of janitor. Linton Melvin spoke on the "Ladies," a topic with which he appeared to be well acquainted. His tact and diplomacy are to be commended as he succeeded in pleasing them all. Marion Parson representing Alpha Theta, spoke in a charming manner of, "Our Affiliations" telling of our many pleasant times with Zeta Sigma. "Rudie" Beyers delighted his hearers with his rendition of a German song. "Oh how that Woman Could Cook!" and his old favorite. "If I could be by Hew." Fred Thurman honored the class of '19 by the worth of his toast. "Yearlings" Chester Robinson will long be remembered for having immortalized Montie in wonderful verse. Rev. Lewis Brooke of '96 who is now pastor in Howell gave us "Recollections" of the old days. President H. M. Crooks made a fitting closing with a splendid toast on the subject. "The College Student and Poetry."

Then all rose and drank to Zeta Sigma and sang their well known song. As the wee hours were already well advanced there were no lingering farewells, but it was with regret that we found that another Zeta Sigma banquet was over and only its memory left as a solace.

Two Germans went up to Heaven to have their nationality changed. They had barely laid their eyes on old St. Peter, when one came down A Russing and the other came down a Pole.

PHILOMATHEAN FAIR A HUGE SUCCESS

Saturday afternoon Wright Hall reception room witnessed as busy a scene as the biggest department store in the city.

The study tables as counters were loaded with everything one's heart could wish for Christmas gifts. Dainty fudge, aprons, tatting, handkerchiefs, fancy bags and crocheted yokes were only a few of the beautifully made pieces exhibited for sale at the Philo Fair.

Candy of all kinds was in great demand, especially among the fellows found big sales on the part of the boys and the baked goods section was a very popular place. Huge sugared friedcakes, delicious cookies, cake and brown bread were quickly carried off to delight the hearts of Sunday morning breakfasters.

Over the fire place was the most attractive corner where hermits and hot steaming cocoa served by two of the girls made the Fair a most pleasant social occasion and refreshed many a weary skater.

Altogether the Fair was a grand success and the girls feel very well pleased over the results.

PHILOMATHEAN.

Roll call was responded to Monday evening with Current Events. Final plans were made for the Fair. After the transaction of the business Miss Adelaide Ballou read Hammond Garland's story "God's Ravens," while the girls sewed for the Fair the remainder of the hour.

SOPHS WIN CLASS

CHAMPIONSHIP

"To be or not to be," that was the question that the Seniors put to themselves regarding the Interclass championship of Alma College in basketball, and with visions possibly of black eyes, and what not, which might be carried to the Zeta Sigma banquet on Friday evening, they evidently decided not to be, and put forth no team to contest for the title. Hence the series was greatly shortened, and on Thursday evening, the highly touted team of Yearlings went down to defeat before the Second Year men. One lone point, separated the victors from the defeat, and gave unto the Sophs, that lordly air, which has been so noticeable the past few days; now that they reign as champions of the campus.

The sport writer of this most splendid college sheet, got mixed in his dates, expecting that the game would be played on the high school floor, not knowing that the powers that had ruled that such interclass games should be on the campus, and so missed the fray. Taking it for granted that Irwin, the great war correspondent was right when he said that a good correspondent could write on a given subject better than another person could, even though the latter was on the ground, when the correspondent was miles away, I will hasten to give a few of the finer details of the grueling battle.

It is generally known that a tossup between the Juniors and the Sophs, resulted in the Sophs being matched to meet the touted, but little known of Freshmen team.

The Sophs and Freshies as a result, were hustled up into the college gymnasium and turned loose at each other. Fighting their hardest mixing in plenty of rough playing, and once in a while shooting a basket, but more often trying for a foul, every man on both teams was busy. All during the game the score was close, and both teams realizing the result of the game meant the championship of Alma College for one of them, constantly strived to gain a slight lead that would bring to their class the high honors of interclass basketball. At times it looked as though the Freshmen would win, then again the Sophs would gain a slight lead, that made them a favorite for the long end of the score. With only a couple of

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BASKETBALL PROSPECTS

Alma College Opens Basketball Season with Poor Prospects for Strong Quintet.

As yet it is very hard to give an accurate line on the prospects for a basketball team to represent the Maroon and Cream during the winter months, very little practice having been indulged in so far.

As a result to get anything in the way of prospects for the team one is forced to turn to the interclass games of last week to get any kind of an idea of the material that Coach Bleamaster has for this year's quintet, and to dope out the possibilities that an Alma college quintet will have.

Everyone acquainted with the situation knows that not a man is back in school from last year's team, which was the runner up in the Michigan Intercollegiate race. Wood and Austin, two veterans were lost by graduation. Stegall, Jerry Marks, and "Digger" Gallagher sought greener pastures elsewhere, the former being at Michigan, Marks in Detroit and Gallagher at Colgate. Captain "Steve" Nesbit, evidently fearing a panic under the administration of the "Dems" left school and accepted a job teaching.

Rumor has it that "Digger" Gallagher, star of last year's team, and captain of the track team, will come back to Alma the second semester. In this case, Gallagher will be available for the greater part of the collegiate schedule, and will add much strength to the team that will be in the field up to that time.

At present the writer cannot see prospects any too bright. Bleamaster must develop an entire new team, from last year's scrub teams, and the interclass teams and it is on these men that he will be forced to rely in grinding out a team. All three teams in the interclass series, brought out a bunch of fighters. Fighters are valuable, but to be good basketball men, they must have a rule book crammed into their heads, some springs and the wings of mercury attached to their feet, and then be taught some team work, without which the former will never make a basketball player.

Among the men that Bleamaster has available for basketball at present are Gaffney and Jessup, forwards from the championship Sophs team; Richards, center from the same team and Melvin and big Al French, guards. From the Junior team Spinney, and Johnston are the most likely lookers, aside from Hyde, who will not be out for the team. Friedman might also have a chance, but will be forced to show a greater improvement than the others. From the Freshman team Bleamaster will have five men, who gave the champs a battle, provided all of them get out. Among these are Malcolm Smith, known to all who were in school last year, as a good basketball man; Foote, who made a reputation for himself at Grand Ledge high; Thurau, Parker and Johnson.

At this time it would be foolish to make any predictions on what kind of a team Alma will have. First we want to see if Bleamaster can succeed in pounding rule books in a bunch of tinroofs, and get the men whom he selects to play team work. Until such time, no mention of winning the championship of the Michigan Intercollegiate will be made.

The schedule as far as arranged, follows:

Jan. 6 or 7 — Adrian college at Alma.

Jan. 21—Mt. Pleasant Normal at Alma.

Jan. 28—Albion college at Alma.

Feb. 3—Olivet college at Alma.

Feb. 10—Hope college at Alma.

Feb. 11—Hillsdale college at Alma.

Feb. 18—Tri-State college (Angolia, Ind.) at Alma.

Mar. 3—Albion college at Albion.

Mar. 4—Adrian college at Adrian.

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EDITORIALS
CONTRIBUTIONS.

The editor was asked where the Almanian box was by one of the Freshmen. As the person in question has been in Alma only about three months perhaps this apparent failure of eyesight may be overlooked.

However we believe this question is very significant of the general lack of knowledge concerning the Almanian on the part of the student body. This is not as it ought to be. The paper is published not by the editors or even the staff but by the student body acting thru their chosen representatives. Therefore it is right and necessary that every one in the college should understand the policy of the staff in regard to contributions to the paper.

If you happen to get an item that you think is particularly worth while and that ought to be printed, hand it to one of the staff or drop it in the Almanian box. Perhaps you have heard some joke that is good. If so hand it in. You can help greatly in this way for good jokes are hard to find. Further if some upper classman wishes to write anything in the form of an editorial we will be glad to print it providing initials are attached and it receives the approval of the editors. If desired we will print articles with no name attached but marked "Contributed."

In order to enlighten any other Freshmen who is ignorant of the whereabouts of our item box let it be said here and now that it is fastened on the wall to the right of the large door as one leaves the administration building. If these directions are insufficient any member of the staff will gladly point it out.

The cooperation of the student body in securing news will be greatly appreciated. The Almanian box is there for a purpose; now let's use it.

NOTICE

The majority of those who signed cards promised to pay their subscriptions before January 1st. Those who signed in that way must pay up before leaving for the holidays. After the holidays the price will be one dollar and a quarter.

BUY IN ALMA.

The Christmas season is at hand and all that comes with it. This means that every student in the college will soon be buying gifts for friends and relatives.

Now why not buy these things in Alma and patronize the local merchants? You will find that Alma merchants are just as obliging and will give just as good service as you will find in our large cities. For by the time you leave Alma and get to a large store the Christmas rush will be at its height. Clerking forces will be crowded to their utmost and consequently will be unable to give you the personal attention that you would receive in an Alma store at this time. Furthermore do you care to leave for a vacation expecting to have your pleasure unbroken and then be bothered with Christmas shopping, especially at a time when this shopping will be most difficult to do. Certainly you do not. If that is the case do it now and have it over with. By acting on this suggestion you will avoid the rush in a larger city, will be able to more fully appreciate the holiday season, will receive personal attention upon the part of our merchants and in some cases, will both save your temper and preserve your serenity.

When our business manager solicits the business men of Alma for "ads" he has to meet the question whether

or not this advertisement is noticed by enough prospective customers to make it pay for itself. Sometimes, we must admit, it is hard for him to preserve his personal integrity and do business at the same time. Now before starting to do any Christmas shopping take a look at our advertising columns. See what is there that interests you. Every man that advertises with us puts in his space that which he thinks will attract the student trade. By a little bit of forethought and attention of these columns you can save time and money. For example how many noticed in last week's Almanian that they could save money by visiting J. A. Gerhardt's Anniversary Sale? As a matter of pure business sense look over our "ad" columns before beginning your holiday shopping. Then when you enter one of Alma's stores let the merchant or clerk know why you came there; because you wanted to see those sweaters, advertised in the Almanian. By doing this you can help the paper more than in any other way.

In conclusion, do your Christmas shopping in Alma, patronize the men that help you in every branch of college activities, and incidentally mention the advertisements in the Almanian.

TEST OF TRUE FRIENDSHIP.

Friendship is much larger; much finer, a much deeper thing than mere relish of good company. It is a great deal more than mere congenial companionship. Let true and deep affection once grip you; let interest and pleasure once deepen into insight and sympathy and a sense of vital kinship of mind and spirit, and the relationship takes on an energy and a poignancy you had not dreamed of in your search for pleasure. Spirit leaps to spirit with a new understanding, a new eagerness, a new desire; and then you may make proof whether it be true friendship or not by the quick and certain test whether you love yourself or your friend more at any moment of divided interest.—Woodrow Wilson.

GERMANY.

Professor Lasson of Berlin recently wrote in a letter to a friend "We are morally and intellectually superior to all men. We are peerless. So, too, are our organizations and our institutions. The characteristics of the Germans are truthfulness, humanity, sweetness, conscience and Christian virtue, and we are the freest people on the earth because we know how to obey. AND YET WE HAVE NO FRIENDS.

FRIDAY NIGHT.

Oh! how the Dears do twitter.
As down Superior street they flitter.
Half past nine has wrung again.

Now it is time to send Robby—Richey
—Montey—Verney home again.

EXPERIMENTAL CHEMISTRY.

'Biscuits' in his careless glee
Mixed up I with N H Z;
When the stuff was dry and thick
'Hawkshaw' hit it with a brick;
'Hawkshaw' is now in Heaven, they say,
At least, he surely went that way,
'Peg' in search of something new
Poured a pint of Hydroflu
In old Bob's overshoe;
Just to see what it would do.
As research work it wasn't bad,
But 'twas rather rough on Dad.

Words resemble sunbeams — the more they are condensed the deeper they burn.

Few selfmade men live long enough to finish the job.

Look out for those who look out for themselves.

It is useless to be good unless you are good for something.

DEBATING WORK.

The debating work at Alma is now going in full swing. This year promises to be one of the best in Alma's debating history. The following officers will lead the work this year: Earl Stafford, president; Linton Melvin, vice president; Isadore Friedman, secretary; Clifford Cummings, treasurer.

There has been some difficulty in selecting a question which would be satisfactory to all the colleges in the Triangular league. But finally the colleges agreed to the following questions. Resolved, that the United States government, in co-operation with the states, should require every able bodied male citizen, upon attaining the age of 21 years, to serve a stipulated term in the state militia. Olivet debates one of Alma's teams in Alma on the same date. Alma's other teams debates at Hope College.

PHI PHI ALPHA.

A very interesting program featured by *improptus*, was given Monday, Dec. 6.

Readings — "What a Friend We Have in Jesus, and Yield Not to Temptation," Richards.

Reading—"A Tribute to a Dog," A. Beahgetoor.

Impromptu debate—"Resolved, that the United States Should Prepare to Defend Herself."

Affirmative: R. Beshgetoor, Sanchez, and Jackson.

Negative: Dow, Notestein and Schermerhorn.

The decision was given to the negative.

Impromptu—"Jack of All Trades, Vender."

Impromptu—"Straight versus Safety Razors," Kennedy.

Impromptu—"Water as a Beverage," Van Duzen.

Impromptu—"Water as a Compound," H. A. Deitzel.

ZETA SIGMA.

At the regular meeting of Zeta Sigma Monday evening Dec. 6, the following program was given:

Paper—"Working Conditions Necessary for Maximum Output," Emerson Johnson.

Paper—"The Agricultural Development in the Black Belt of Alabama," L. Miller.

Paper, "Medical Education," F. Carpenter.

Improptus were answered by Seeley, Brewbaker and Gaffney.

Prof. Hedges visited the society. He gave a talk, outlining his plans for debate and orators.

DESTINATION UNKNOWN.

At the bier of a dear friend a Kentucky colonel placed one of his calling cards on the coffin. Of course the other friends were shocked at what seemed to be levity on such a solemn occasion. But they had not the heart to insult the venerable Colonel by removing the card. Latter on they summoned the nerve to ask him why he had placed his card on the casket.

"Well," said the Colonel, "I don't know where Henry was bound for, but if he went to the place I think he did he will meet a lot of fine fellows if he presents that card."

Even the thirsty chap tries to dodge the bar of justice.

LENDING A HELPING HAND.

"What a beautiful dog, Miss Ethel!" exclaimed her bashful admirer.

"Is he affectionate?"

"Is he affectionate?" she asked archly. "Indeed he is, Here, Bruno! Come good doggie, and show Charlie Smith how to kiss me.

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It is sweet to be remembered and a pleasant thing to find that though you may be absent you still are kept in mind. Then why not send a Photo to the one whom you hold dear. Then though you may be absent they still will have you near.

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LIFE AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

Dr. Barnes of Battle Creek, Mich., gave a most instructive and interesting lecture on "Life at Oxford," to a large number of students in the chapel last Thursday afternoon. Dr. Barnes showed very clearly how the great English university differed from the American institutions of higher learning. Oxford aims to make a true man, a man who works. He is not forced or even asked to study, attend lectures, or to be present in class. If he doesn't wish to be present or to take an examination, well and good. But it is to the student's personal loss. Each man is his own boss as it were in those things. However there are some regulations which to us would seem rather foolish.

Breakfast is served at eight o'clock in the morning and is brought to the student's room by "a scout." Then from ten to one o'clock lectures are given. At one a very light lunch is served, then every man goes to the athletic field where he partakes in some kind of sport until 4:30. About 5 o'clock students gather in each other's rooms and enjoy afternoon tea. This afternoon tea has often been ridiculed by us Americans, but Dr. Barnes said that in all of his Oxford life he gained nothing more than that which he got during those pleasant hours. From 5:30 until 7 everybody works. Then comes dinner which is the only meal served in the common dining hall during the day. About 10 o'clock everybody retires.

There are several customs which are still used in connection with college life at Oxford. There is "old Tom," the huge clock in Christ Church College. At 12 o'clock, on a coming day, all the people in one hundred and thirty-five colleges gate is closed, and the gates are not opened until the next day. The "Tom" comes to ring. Again, the Freshman is the big man in school. Each upper classman endeavors to get the new men acquainted with school life, not by our present Americanized method, but by explaining different characteristics, invitations to breakfast and afternoon teas. The upper classmen must give place to the Freshman, for after all it is the Freshman who is to count in a few years. The social breakfast hour and the afternoon tea are among the chief items in Oxford's curriculum.

A person does not go to Oxford to become an all round student, but he goes to Oxford to become thoroughly grounded in a single subject. If one wants to study European History he gets it from the first; if he specializes in languages, either ancient or modern he gets them thoroughly. And so a man enters Oxford after he has completed his general studies in a college.

In all there are twenty-one colleges in Oxford, and all of these schools make up the university. The buildings are of the quadrangle style, with a large court in the center. The windows are all barred like prison cages, but yet in spite of these old features, Oxford demands the highest respect from residents, visitors, and scholars. As one looks over the centuries Oxford's men stand forth in religious, political, literary and scientific life, and none the less proud can she today point to the brave men fighting side by side on the battlefields of Flanders, France and the Dardenelles.

PRAYER MEETING.

Chester Robinson was the leader of a most interesting prayer meeting on last Wednesday night. He took as his subject, "Rest and Wait in the Lord." He drew his lesson from Isaiah 30. "In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence—shall be your strength for Jehovah is a God of Justice; blessed are all they that wait for him." He showed how prosperity and peace is to come only through Patient Waiting for God's grace.

Chet, had not only an interesting, but a helpful meeting. It was well attended, but student life is so busy that it is hard to get together. Our meetings have not been so good this year, but we need more prayer meetings as well as in the field. Let us work with the students and the faculty.

Let us all turn out and have a long helpful meeting by everybody before the holidays.

SHAVE OF DEFERENCE.

"While, didn't I tell you not to play with that Wiggin's boy?" "I ain't playin' wit him, 'er I ain't 't him."—Ex.

M. I. A. A. BASEBALL SCHEDULE.

At the recent meeting at Albion, Coach Bleamaster succeeded in scheduling nine M. I. A. A. baseball games for Alma college, the most that Alma has had in years. Five of the games are billed for Davis field and four away from home. Every team excepting Adrian will be played at home, and every team, excepting Kalamazoo will be played away from home. The schedule follows:

- April 28—Albion college at Alma.
- May 3—Olivet college at Alma.
- May 6—Hillsdale college at Alma.
- May 12—Olivet college at Olivet.
- May 13—Albion college at Albion.
- May 18—Hillsdale college at Hillsdale.
- May 19—Adrian college at Adrian.
- May 26—Kalamazoo college at Alma.
- May 28—Kalamazoo college at Alma.
- June 2 and 3—Michigan Intercollegiate finals at Albion.

WRIGHT HALL NEWS.

Miss Margaret Robinson of Owosso was an over Sunday guest of friends here.

Miss Florence Henderson of Detroit, was a guest of Emily Slocum, over the week end.

Miss Leota Lyon of Mayville, is the guest of Ermah Colling for a few days.

Miss Mary McQuade, Mary Rubert, Hazel Rubert and Elizabeth Newberry were in Saginaw, Saturday.

Miss Caroline Robinson was in St. Louis, Saturday.

Miss Esther Ricketts and Mary DeRousie visited Auda Gill in the country Friday and Saturday.

LOCALS.

Miss Whittington a last year's student of Alma College stopped to visit friends on the campus and in the city on Thursday and Friday enroute to Valparaiso, Ind., where he will pursue his studies farther.

Miss Hope Rose a student at the college visited her parents over the week end.

Miss Elynn Lind a student of the college spent the week end with her parents in Bay City.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE.

"What kind of eggs do you eat hen's eggs of course. Why do you say of course. Is there any particular reason why you shouldn't eat a duck's egg? No of course there isn't. Tell you why you eat hen's eggs. When a hen lays an egg it clucks-clucks-clucks-clucks."

BASKETBALL PROSPECTS.

There will be a Christmas vacation trip, through southeastern Michigan, on which probably six games will be played. Games will be played in Lansing, Flint, Detroit and other places yet to be selected. This portion of the schedule is not ready for announcement as yet. It is very probably also that a couple other collegiate games will be added, but these undoubtedly will be played away from home.—Dunham.

SOPHS WIN CLASS

CHAMPIONSHIP minutes yet to play, and the score still so close that it needed but little to swing the game to either team, the efforts of the two quintets were howling like fiends; praying, and belching, for their respective teams to get the few points that would insure the Interclass title. The battle raged harder, rough playing more frequent, as were penalties, imposed for such playing. The whistle blew, ending the game. The Sophs were leading the Freshies by one point, the score standing 28 to 27. The Upper-classmen heaved sighs knowing the airs that the second year men would have. The Sophs greeting their team and cheering, while the Yearlings, slide in at the gymnasium door, one by one, and then as silently they made their way to their rooms, vowing vengeance on their rivals, when chance first presents itself.

Jessup and Gaffney at the forward stations, Richards at center, and Fernal and Melvin at the guards were the performers for the second year men. Foad and Malcom Smith at the forwards, Parker at center, and Thurn and Johnson at the guards, composed the Freshman staff. The men offered up for sacrifice.—Homer M. Dunham.

J. EARNEST M'AFEE, SPEAKS.

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must realize that a stem and grandly evolutionary task is before us. May this impress on you what your tremendous task and opportunity is. You are to have a great influence in the army of the future, that army which will accomplish what the past couldn't. Will you take your place in this mighty army, in incorporating in your life the life of your master, Christ, and bring in the Kingdom of Heaven.

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