

# The Weekly Almanian

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## FAMOUS ORATORIO GIVEN STATE STUDENT CONVENTION

Given At Presbyterian Church last Friday Evening by Alma College Choral Club.

College Men of Michigan Meet at Lansing for First Y. M. C. A. Convention.

Great was the misfortune of those who missed the rendering of the Messiah by the Alma College Choral club at the Presbyterian church last Friday evening. This great masterpiece in Oratorio which is being given each year just before Christmas is one of the treats of the year, and everyone should avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing it.

This master oratorio was composed by George Frederick Handel in the year 1741. It was written in twenty-one days and was first given in Dublin, not to gain praise but to do good and raise money to free the prisoners in Dublin jails. The Messiah is justly entitled to the rank which it holds by common consent as the most complete master work oratorio can show.

From the beginning to end the performance was a great success, being rendered without the slightest hesitation or accident which showed what able direction can do with a chorus in a short time. During the whole performance the chorus sang as one plastic mass yielding itself to the masters hand. Such was the impression made by the concentration of every member of the chorus, each seeming to live through the theme with the conductor.

The Alma College orchestra with Brom Blinstrub the instructor in violin at the college, as concert master, and Grace Dugan Roberts, organist, and Miss Sadie Messinger at the piano upheld their part of the program to the highest degree, all being players well known to all of us. They made the overture one of the best parts of the program. The artists in order of their appearance are as follows.

Miss Gladys Bradner the contralto made a good impression carrying her part in such a manner that the only prediction for her future can be success with training. She possesses a clear rich contralto voice.

Miss Lora Withers of Chicago captured the solo honors of the evening. Her voice is a clear soprano of great volume and infinite variety of tone colour. She has easily the most remarkable soprano voice that has been heard here. Her interpretive ability left nothing to be desired. The audience was most cordial toward her.

Professor George E. Knapp, director of the musical department at Mt. Pleasant Normal, carrying the tenor role first appeared in recitative "comfort Ye My People," entered into his theme in a true oratorio style bringing with force the message to his audience. He was greeted with the same hearty applause which he received on his appearance in the "May Festival," last spring.

Hugh E. Dickerson of the American Conservatory of Music of Chicago, took the base part with his usual pleasing manner and the added grace and finish of training under some of the greatest teachers of our country. It can be said without exception that Mr. Dickerson pleased his audience even beyond expectation and his rendering of "Why Do the Nations" was of exceptional force.

## PHILOMATHEAN ENTERTAINED

Mrs. Randels and Mrs. Notestein, the patronesses of Philomathean, entertained the society with a delightful thimble party at Mrs. Randel's home on Grant avenue, Saturday afternoon, Dec. 4. The time was spent sewing for the Fair.

After the dainty dinner which was served at six o'clock, Miss DeWitt entertained the guests with two delightful stories and Miss Hitchcock gave several readings, both humorous and serious.

The girls had a very pleasant time, for it would be practically impossible not to enjoy oneself with such charming hostesses to entertain.

The college Y. M. C. A. men of our state were given an inspiration in the student conference held at M. A. C., Dec. 3, 4 and 5, which should result in greater movements of religious action outside as well as within their respective colleges. The convention theme, was, "The World Program." Our relation to that program was the impression made upon those present.

Dr. Frank S. Kedzie, acting president of M. A. C. gave an address of welcome followed by short speeches, by the president of the local "Y" and a representative of the M. A. C. paper. Fletcher S. Brockman, co-worker with John R. Mott, gave the address of the evening, in which he presented the world problem in the light of the present world crisis. Mr. Brockman presented this in a clear, forceful manner, due probably to his seventeen years work in the Orient. He said, "I do not fear for Asia or Europe but I do fear America." Because of our recently acquired position in the commercial world, "I am afraid that we are losing that power of strength," which should control us if we are to be worthy of the responsibility which devolves upon us due to conditions in the East. "God grant that we may measure up to the opportunity.

On Saturday morning Mr. Brockman again spoke to the conference, on "being hypocrites" and "dallying with sin." He urged genuineness and keeping close to God. "The way to make our lives count is to put ourselves along beside or tie up with a big cause." Is not the biggest cause, the world program of Christ?

Groups consisting of one man from each delegation met to discuss their policy towards future student conventions, missionary work and deputation teams. The early part of the afternoon was given over to a discussion of methods and preparation for gospel team work, lead by J. W. Pontius, general secretary of Y. M. C. A. of Ohio State University and the city of Columbus. Out of his vast experience in this work he gave us many interesting and helpful details. During the latter part of the afternoon groups of delegates went on sight seeing trips to Lansing.

The program of Saturday evening consisted of five talks by the following men: J. W. Pontius, Dr. O. J. Price, pastor of the First Baptist church of Lansing, Fay Cilley, rural secretary of Clinton county, J. H. Dague, Industrial secretary in Detroit Y. M. C. A. and Rev. W. H. Phelps, Superintendent of the M. E. church of the Lansing district. Mr. Pontius spoke upon the place of the Y. M. C. A. in relation to the church. The Y. M. is not a church but a part of it, so every "Y" man ought to be a member of the church. Dr. Price's subject was the place of the church in the world program. The work of the church is to inspire, to give to its own people a vision of Jesus Christ and to show them their function and place in life. The church should train its boys and girls to be leaders and then put them in the places for which they are suited. The home people are interested in the boys and girls at college; they expect them to win.

"The challenge of the rural field," was the subject of Mr. Cilley's talk. The opportunity of the pastor for establishing a fundamental brotherhood and co-operation, the principal of Jesus and the opportunity of the teacher to influence by character and Christian living, make up the challenge of this needy field.

"The challenge of the city," is also a strong one, as was shown by Mr. Dague, who as an industrial work specialist, established the fifty-three classes in teaching of English to the foreigners in the Ford plant. The

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HOME for the holidays, girls and boys,  
God speed you all to your waiting joys,  
A father's hand and a mother's kiss,  
A brimming measure of earthly bliss,  
This Christmas tide.

Merry the mirthful days will be  
Glad as the wild bird's song of glee,  
But joys that come are joys that flee,  
The laughing brooklet seeks the sea,  
It may not bide.

Home for the holidays; O my Soul,  
The words point on to the nearing goal  
Where the school days done, the earth life  
past,  
We shall reach our Father's house at last,  
Some Christmas tide

Dr. Hunting.

Written by Dr. Hunting, the first president of Alma College, before the first Christmas season of the college.

## INTERESTING CHAPEL ADDRESS.

Rev. Weston Johnson of Sapporo, Japan, delivered a very interesting discourse in the college chapel last Thursday morning.

Mr. Johnson stated that the Japanese are not an army loving people. It is true that they maintain a large army and navy but they do not maintain them for the purpose of attacking the United States. The Japanese do demand that they be given the same rights as any other alien people in the United States.

The Japanese look in friendly terms, to the people of the United States. Townsend Harris, the American Ambassador, was given a respect different to any other ambassador that ever represented any nation in Japan. Many Japanese came into the wealth of the life of the master Christ thru the life of Townsend Harris, he walked with God it was not necessary that he walk with armed guards.

Japan is a beautiful country, there is no country where spring is enthroned like it is in Japan. In the springtime the country is a garden of cherry blossoms. The very atmosphere breathes the song and folklore of Japan for the Japanese have enshrined the cherry, it is the symbol of everything that is good, pure, and delightful to the Japanese mind. The spirit of Japan is the spirit of the cherry that blooms on the hillside.

Japan is a country of great agricultural waste. Eighty-six per cent. of the land is not fit for agricultural purposes, only fourteen per cent. of the land is used for agricultural purposes and this is mainly used for the production of rice. Japan must be an industrial nation if she is to hold her place as a world factor in the Orient. An old order is passing away in Japan. Industry has gotten a firm hold and large steel plants, canneries, spinning plants are operating all over the country.

The country is faced with the problem of a tremendous social waste. There are 500,000 women working in the factories of Japan 200,000 of these are girls that are recruited thruout the country every spring. Men go thru the country every spring alluring girls to the city. Girls leave their homes and go to the city expecting to find a glorious state of affairs, but 80,000 return to their homes every year, weary, and disappointed. Over 80

per cent. of the girls live in dormitories, 65 per cent. are under 20 years of age, 22 per cent. are under 14 years of age. Every year there is a toll of 40,000 girls' lives in the factories alone. Nearly every year helpful legislation comes up for discussion but somehow graft seems to prevail and good legislation does not come into power.

The educational institutions of Japan are to have an important part in the future of the Japanese race, although at the present time they are not in a satisfactory state. The educational system is founded on the educational system of Germany and Belgium. Although the universities use great foresight and the physical preparation of the students by means of a severe military training, the courses of study that are enforced are so severe that they are taking the life out of the boys. Japan offers splendid opportunities for any one who desires to follow the teaching profession.

The moral tide of Japan is scraping on the sand, this is partly due to the moral education which is at a very low ebb. Morality there is a problem for debate and discussion not a thing to be lived. The student is taught the virtues of Confucius, which inculcates loyalty and respect for the past but does not develop individual liberty. The Japanese still believe that they are surrounded by a great number of spirits and that success in any particular thing is due to the respect shown these different spirits. But there is a note of gladness in the fact that Confucianism is gradually breaking down. The Japanese are coming to know more than the mere love of man, his vision is becoming clearer and the love of an infinite God is penetrating his soul. One of the most hopeful things of the whole situation is the fact that manufacturers are insisting on a higher standing of living, and industry is carried on under Christian principles. Japan offers great opportunities to any one desirous of serving a great cause, whether it be in the ministry or teaching profession, or in the industrial pursuits of life. Japan needs strong Christian leaders who will "live" the Christian life in their midst

Miss Blanche Healy is here for a few days on her way home from Ann Arbor, where she is studying music.

## DR. NG. POON CHEW LECTURES

Problems of Modern China Presented to an Interested Audience Tuesday Evening.

A rare opportunity was enjoyed by the people of Alma last Tuesday night when they listened to Dr. Ng Poon Chew, Chinese statesman and journalist as he gave his lecture, "China and her Problems." After a pleasing introduction, he spoke directly about his country, stating that China, with its present a territory of four and a half million square miles and a population of four hundred and fifty million people, had for four thousand, four hundred years watched the rise and fall of empires, had emerged from the ravages of time and had stood, "the same yesterday, today and forever," until the late revolution in which radical changes were brought about with little loss of life and bloodshed.

Dr. Ng Poon Chew paid high tribute to our American missionaries who, he said within the last sixty years have given much of the western civilization to China, that through their influence and work, the late transition was made possible. He stated further that the missionaries from the United States were the only ones who had helped China at their own expense, by them the first schools for girls were established.

Students, upon return to China after having spent a number of years in America, unlike Rip Van Winkle, awakened to the fact that their nation was fifty years behind the progress of the west instead of twenty years ahead. However the recent revolution in which the rule of the Manchus was thrown off does not signify the awakening of one people alone, but points to the fact that in the progress of civilization, governments are to be based upon human democracy, the divine right of kings giving way to the divine right of man.

Although the political workings of the Chinese Republic, formed four years ago, have been unsatisfactory, and in spite of the fact that ninety per cent. of the citizens are conservatives, loyal to the old monarchical government the republicans are not discouraged; realizing that governments grow, they depend upon the enlightened of coming generations to support and carry on the work of reorganization. The Chinese are essentially a phlegmatic people and we of the United States, being a people who do things quickly, must not forget that our own forefathers were unable to form and work out the government of our nation under our favorite modern sign, "done while you wait." Only two years ago we found ourselves unsuccessful in our attempt to turn all the donkeys and elephants into bulldozers at one swoop.

In addition to that of changing a monarchy into a republic, the Chinese are confronted with other national problems, financial and international in nature. Money is the crying need of China today and there is no limitation to its power. Within the last sixty years of their reign the Manchus were successful in that they accumulated a national debt of six hundred million dollars which is one dollar and seventy-one cents per capita, and this is very little when compared with the French debt of one hundred and forty dollars per capita. But the Chinese feel that with the development of their natural resources and the establishment of an adequate system of taxation they could easily raise this debt within the next fifty years if they could enjoy international peace. The situation brought before them by the late European war is most dangerous and fatal, the life and death of China hangs upon her relation to this problem. The Chinese are a people who "love peace first, last and at all times, but the love of peace will lead to pieces." A fighting spirit is one of their most urgent

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**GREETINGS.**

To the faculty, students, alumni and friends of Alma College the staff wish a happy Christmas and a new year filled with pleasure and the joy of service.

**SEND US A XMAS PRESENT.**

During vacation get busy and get that dollar and a quarter which you owe the Almanian. If after leaving Alma you become sufficiently imbued with the Christmas spirit, roll along a dollar and a quarter to us. One of the editors has the privilege of going home to Alma and consequently will be ready to take anything in the line of money that comes his way.

**A PRAYER IN TIME OF WAR.**

O Lord of Infinite Mercy, we humbly beseech Thee to look down upon the nations now engaged in war. Reckon not against Thy people their many iniquities, for from the lusts of our own hearts come wars and fighting among us. Look in mercy on those immediately exposed to peril, conflict, sickness and death; comfort the prisoners, relieve the sufferings of the wounded and show mercy to the dying. Remove in Thy good Providence all causes and occasions of war; dispose the hearts of those engaged therein to moderation, and out of Thy great goodness restore peace among the nations, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.—Dickinson.

**A TRIBUTE.**

Whereas, it has come to the knowledge of the Presbytery of Williamette that President Harry Means Crooks, of Albany College, has been called to the presidency of Alma College, Michigan, and has decided to accept, and

Whereas, this action on his part removes from the field of the Presbytery one of its most active and influential workers, therefore,

Be it resolved, by the Presbytery of Williamette in session at Albany, Oregon, Nov. 16, 1915, that the removal of President Crooks brings a sense of genuine sorrow and personal loss to the members of the Presbytery.

We view with profound satisfaction the ten years of Mr. Crook's presidency. He has accomplished in those ten years what might almost be viewed as the impossible. He has brought our Synodical college up to a scholastic position. He has raised an endowment of over \$250,000, and under his inspiring leadership a new campus of forty-eight acres has been acquired.

We congratulate Alma College, Michigan, upon securing the services of Mr. Crook as president. He goes from our bounds with every feeling of confidence, and we prophesy for Alma College a period of unprecedented prosperity under President Crook's leadership.

Respectfully submitted,

Respectfully submitted,  
WALLACE H. LEE, (Chairman)  
WM. PARSONS,  
F. H. GESELBRACHT.

**PRAYER MEETING.**

At the last weekly prayer meeting Vender and Kennedy gave interesting reports of the State Student Convention, recently held in Lansing. As we have printed that report in another place it is unnecessary to summarize it here.

The meeting was not as well attended as it might have been. What's the matter? What is the reason that more don't come out to the meetings? If you haven't time, cut something else out and make time. If it isn't interesting come make it so. After Christmas we want to see a little more real enthusiasm.

**CHRISTMAS.**

After all Christmas means that in the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem God gave Himself to mankind, to each one of us individually.

Therefore, our real observance of Christmas must mean that it shall inspire us to give ourselves more completely to Him.

Why not observe this Christmas in the form which will please Him most? Why not let our resolutions to do and be better date from the sweet and sacred gratitude roused by the thoughts of Christmas instead of dating from the New Year?

A New Year's resolution rises from a kind of morbid apprehension of our mortality—that we must soon die and therefore ought to do better than we have been doing.

But Christmas rather suggests "Life," new life, life in which Christ is eager to participate; Christmas suggests Jesus' wonderful explanation of His coming in those great words: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly," John 10:10.

**PROHIBITION TALK.**

Last Thursday morning Mr. Peterson, representing the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association, gave a stirring talk at the chapel service. He presented the phase of the prohibition question most pertinent to college men and women. He discussed the organization of the league in the colleges of the country and showed the interest that is developing in prohibition among the American colleges. A few weeks ago Hope college was also visited by a representative of the league. As a result of his visit enthusiasm was stirred, men and women began seriously considering participating in the Prohibition Oratorical Contest. You know what Hope's debating team did at Alma last year. They won because they were the better team, because they understood the question better and had studied it more than Alma's men had, all because they were supported by student enthusiasm and "pep."

What is the lesson for us? Just this that we must generate a whole lot of real red hot enthusiasm, the kind that takes hold and burns, the kind that wins and ties football games. What we need is a little "pep," a whole lot of "punch," and an invincible determination to do things if we are to win any debate or oratorical contest. "Scrap and the world scraps with you, quit and you starve alone," was never more true than today. Take that maxim and sink it deep into your life. It is enthusiasm, it is fight, it is work that does things. Look at the events of our present day life. What is it that has enabled Germany to hold practically the world at bay? It is efficiency and a fighting spirit. The great religious, political, and social organizations of to-day were built by them who had a vision and then worked, studied, and fought until they attained the goal.

This same spirit must be burned into our life before we will do much in oratory or debate. If we are to do anything in the State Prohibition Oratorical or State Intercollegiate Oratorical Contests next year we must send representatives there who will fight for Alma and who have been made ready by severe local competition.

Now to "come down to brass tacks," let's see a whole lot of work done during the holiday vacation on orations. You will have time that otherwise will go to waste. Why not use it for the college? Let's see more candidates get out for the local oratorical contests. By entering you will help the college, of course; but you will help yourself much more.

Read this over and let somebody besides "George" do it.

**ICE RINK TO BE BUILT ON DAVIS FIELD**

As some of our friends have developed the habit of taking unexpected cold plunges while skating on Pine river, Coach Bleamaster has decided to have an ice rink built on Davis field.

During the holiday vacation the

gridiron will be flooded and the ice properly frozen so that when college opens there will be an opportunity for all the students to enjoy outdoor skating.

This is a plan which has been considered for many years but has never actually materialized. Later in the winter help may be required to keep the ice in good condition. At that time let every man in college lend a hand and help make it a real success. If you have no skates let Santa Claus know that skates will be appreciated for Christmas. If you have skates packed away at home resurrect them during the holidays and come back to school ready to have a good time on the ice.

**ZETA SIGMA.**

Zeta Sigma held their regular meeting Monday evening. A hard fought debate was the feature of the evening.

Resolved that all male citizens within the military age, shall spend three years in the State Militia.

Affirmative: McIntyre, Smith and McIntyre.

Negative: C. Robinson, McAllister, and Geis.

The Negative won the decision.

Impromptus:

"Henry Ford's Peace Ship; Oscar II."—Warner.

"What I think of the Banquet from a decorative standpoint," Mr. Smith.

"What I think of the Banquet from a program standpoint," Thurau.

"What I think of the banquet from a financial standpoint," Hebert.

**LIST OF NEW BOOKS.**

Some of the new books in the library:

Bailey—For the story teller.  
Sargent—Handbook of the best private schools.

McCormick—History of education.  
Leach—Educational charters and documents.

Coulter—Plant breeding.  
Bloomfield—Youth, school and vocation.

Weed and Dearborn—Birds in their relation to man.

Keith—Elementary education.  
Gummere—The oldest English epic.

Comstock—Spider book.  
Milham—How to identify the stars.

Allman—Greek geometry.  
Forbush — Game birds, wild fowl and shore birds.

Forbush — Useful birds and their protection.

Cooper—Some American story tellers.

Cooper—Some English story tellers.

Rice—College and the future.

Dickinson — Music and the higher education.

The following books were given to the library by Superintendent T. E. Johnson of Coldwater, Mich.

Bateson — Mendel's principles of heredity.

Jordan—Principles of human nutrition.

Price—Handbook of sanitation.  
Sedgwick — Sanitary science and public health.

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## Alumni Round Table

Where we are and what  
we are doing

### ALUMNI.

(By W. T. Johnson.)

Rev. W. T. Johnson, '99, who has returned to the States on a leave of absence from his missionary work in Japan spoke to the students in chapel Wednesday morning. We are printing the account of his talk on another page.

Johnson came to Alma College from the Detroit Central high school in the middle of the school year, '93-'94. While in college he distinguished himself in athletics and scholarship. During the four years at Alma he played football, baseball and was active in track work. Athletics however did not take a major portion of his attention for he won the Greek prize offered to students majoring in that subject. Johnson was graduated with the degree of A. B. in the spring of '99.

On June 4th of the same year he was married to Miss Sadie MacLeod. After Rev. Johnson graduated from Princeton Seminary they went to the mission field where they worked up to the time of Mrs. Johnson's death, this last year. Rev. Johnson has four boys, Warren M., Weston MacLeod, Herbert Hoadley and William I. He expects to put the boys in school in this country.

As yet it is not certain when he will return to Japan.

Thorntown, Ind.,  
Dec. 14, 1915.

Editor Almanian:

Editors are supposed to be always needing the money, and I presume they feel the pinch of poverty especially about Christmas time. So do ministers, but I have managed to squeeze out this dollar for the Almanian without which Mrs. Ronald and I could not keep house.

You are putting out a good paper, much better than we used to have in our college days, when "The Almanian" was born. With all good wishes to you and all the staff for a Merry Christmas, and much prosperity to the paper and the dear old College throughout the New Year.

Cordially,  
HUGH N. RONALD.

Rev. H. N. Ronald, '05, a native of Marlette, Mich., came to Alma to pursue his education in the fall of '98. He was an active worker in Zeta Sigma and Y. M. C. A. During his first college year he proved his scholastic ability by winning the prize offered by the alumni of New Jersey to the Freshmen receiving the highest average standing.

In June 1903 he graduated with the degree of A. B. Three years later he was graduated from Princeton Seminary. On August 15, 1906 he was married to Miss Kate Blair. They have two boys, James Hall and Hugh N. Jr.

Leaving the seminary he accepted a call from the Presbyterian church of Plymouth, Mich. After four years of successful service in Plymouth he left to become pastor of the Presbyterian church in Thorntown, Ind., where he has been faithfully serving since then.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald's address is Thorntown, Ind.

REV. W. J. EWING, '02, WRITES.

Villisea, Iowa,  
Dec. 4, 1915

Editors of Almanian,  
Alma, Michigan.

Dear Sirs:

Find check enclosed for a year's subscription to the Almanian. We are still interested in the college and about the only means of communication is through the weekly. You are putting out a good paper, and the Alumni Round Table is especially interesting to the "has beens."

Some of the students of a dozen years ago may be interested in knowing of the whereabouts of some of the members of the best class ever turned out at Alma. (I speak of the ladies of the class.) I am in the fifth year of my pastorate in this church, having come here from a more than six years' pastorate at Fairgrove. In some respects our work is now the

best that we have known since we came here. The attendance at the services of the church is larger than at any other time. After the Holidays we expect to hold union meetings with the Methodists, the local pastors doing the preaching. Mrs. Ewing, is president of the C. E. Society and is doing double duty in a good many other places.

We are very sorry to hear of Mr. Hurst's death.

Truly yours,  
W. J. EWING.

### EXCREPTS FROM LETTER FROM REV. PAUL ALLURED

While Absent His Home Looted and Personal Apparel and Goods Stolen.

Linchow, China, Sept. 17, 1916.

DEAR FOLKS AT HOME:—Our turn has come at last. After our most delightful summer vacation and quiet restful trip up the river, we arrived at home only to find that our house had been looted of nearly everything valuable we had left in it except the library; practically all our winter clothes, including every wool suit and garment except one dress and some of Janet's baby clothes; all quilts and blankets, sheets, pillow cases, towels, table clothes, napkins. All our silverware, jewelry, clock, tools, flag, Janet's doll and trinkets, sewing machine attachments, steamer rugs, and dress goods, our wedding presents and keepsakes. Fortunately they missed our heavy underwear and most of Janet's clothes, but Helen's winter coat and my overcoat are gone. We have borrowed bedding, towels, etc., and some new blankets coming from the woman's hospital we can use until we get some necessary things. If we could only get the things back somehow, but it looks doubtful if the culprits are caught or not. I reported the matter personally to the officials and they are investigating, just how much I don't know. I've written the U. S. Consul General at Canton and am hoping some pressure will be brought to bear so that something will be done not only for us but for the sake of the whole community.

I am teaching classes in the boys school, and breaking ground for our new house.

The Minnesota Daily, one of the greatest student publications of the west, came out vigorously. The action of the "wets" in attempting to buy the support of student politicians the Daily characterized "as on a plane with the cause which they represent." "We regard this as a deliberate attempt to corrupt the morals of the student voter," it said.

Says the Yale Alumni Weekly, commenting on the growth of sentiment both on and off the campus: "It looks therefore as if the coincidence of a state law binding upon the Yale organizations including minors in their membership would reenforce the efforts of those who favor such prohibition on moral grounds. Such as it is, Yale's drinking problem appears to be nearer solution than it has been at some time in the past."

Thomas Gray's only bid for immortality was his poem, "The Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard," which was the culmination of a lifetime of persistent effort with commonplace results.

Student Opinion, a stirring new weekly at the University of California, is perhaps the first student publication launched for the distinctive purpose of raising the standards of student activities in a large university. It came into existence in response to a large student demand for a medium of expression on student "politics," cleaner athletics, a more popular and democratic expression in the student governing body, and for leadership against drinking and the sort of influences that go with it both inside and outside of college life. It is leading the movement at California against the serving of intoxicants at student affairs and after the big games.

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### DR. NG POON CHEW LECTURES.

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needs in relation to other countries and it must be fixed into the minds of the young that they may help solve this problem which so threateningly confronts them. The racial vitality of the Chinese people is great because their system of education is so stringent that it has given rise to the "survival of the fittest."

In the past they have never had a standing army, but at present they feel this to be an immediate need, not as a means of disturbing the peace of the world but as a preservative of their own identity. Foreign officers are employed to teach Chinese soldiers how to "kill and be killed in the most civilized, modernized, artistic, scientific and Christian manner." The nations of Europe in turn have taken parts of China that a "balance of power," might be maintained, but the Chinese have a feeling that the powers are being balanced at their expense. They resent greatly the fact that England compelled them to legalize the sale of opium, but since they have been given the authority to stop the trade it has diminished eighty per cent. and they hope to abolish it within two years.

In the present war the sympathy of China is with Germany, because they feel that the Germans have done them the least harm of any of the European nations.

The one nation that has treated China with justice is the United States and that nation will never find the Chinese people guilty of ingratitude. Like many others, Dr. Ng Poon Chew feels that China is to have a glorious future.

### STUDENT "Y" CONVENTION.

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man who completes a college course is only one out of a hundred who start in school. For this, of which, in this part of the country, he does not yearly pay the actual cost. He owes a great deal to humanity. The efficiency of the boy with a grammar school education is fifty per cent. greater than that of the boy without such training and the college trained man's efficiency is two hundred and fifty per cent. greater than the grammar school graduates.

Rev. Phelps spoke upon "The Challenge of the Ministry." The ministry is the moral leadership in the community. It is full of hard tasks and calls for every moral fibre.

At the first service on Sunday, the all important day of the conference, an address was given by James Schermerhorn, editor of "The Detroit Times," entitled, "The Pen is Mightier than the Sword." After this interesting appeal for Peace, Professor W. H. French of M. A. C. spoke upon "Serving in Sunday School," making plain the great opportunities for real constructive work in this line of activity. "Boys recognize and welcome the college men." The Sunday school affords a means to a point of contact so that the teacher can influence them in their athletics, etc. "We must build upon the boys mentally, morally, and governmentally."

The climax of the convention came Sunday afternoon when "Dad" Elliott had finished his strong, appealing talk on "Quitters." We don't like to see "quitters" in athletics or any other good thing, and certainly God hates to see a man act the coward, and "quit" in the Christian life.

In the closing talk of the conference which was given Sunday evening, "Dad" presented the principles which he considered the ones which should be followed by anyone in order to grow and attain power in religion.

It was decided by the committee on policy towards future conventions to hold a state convention next year, probably before Thanksgiving, the place of meeting to be decided later.

May future conferences be as inspiring and strengthening as this first one, the success of which is so much due to Fletcher S. Brockman, J. W. Pontius, "Dad" Elliott and L. E. Buell who so ably lead in Bible study.

### FROEBEL.

A very pleasant time was spent having society before the fire place in Wright Hall, Monday evening.

The following program was given: Christmas Songs.

The Model Kitchen.—Nina Resseguie.

"Extensive and Intensive Kindergarten Training."—Ethel Zipp.

"Science and Invention."—Beryl Hazelton.

Letters and Art.—Mary De

"Story of Vicola."—Eona Campbell.

### MRS. EWING ENTERTAINS.

The Alpha Theta society was delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. Ewing last Saturday evening Dec. 4.

As soon as the guests had all assembled the first part of the evening was given over to informal dancing. Our hostess then announced a game or contest in which every girl must draw the animal whose name was on the card she had. Here the artistic ability ranged high and Miss Foote and Miss Hitchcock who acted as judges had great difficulty in naming the most skillful with the pencil. "Slim" Ward was the lucky one but, then she just had to draw the very common and much seen animal, the pig and the person who had to draw the hippopotamus questions her ability. Betty said "O! Pshaw," when she had to draw the hawk. While the judges were making their decision every one enjoyed toasting marshmallows before the open grate. The game "You All Know," was played next, in which a series of questions were asked which were to be answered by names of automobiles. This was a very good game and every one seemed to enjoy it except "Glad" Bradner who couldn't see why one couldn't tin Lizzie across a stream as well as Ford it. The judges were heard to remark that just for that wee slip of the tongue, "Glad" lost the prize. But that is no worse than Marion Cooper answering the question regarding sharp blows by using the poor little innocent "Brush." Marion remembers her youth well.

Maybe we had all closed our eyes for a moment, but our refreshments surely appeared in a fairy book way, for presto change before our very eyes was a table beautifully arranged and arrayed in the rose color of our society. The refreshments too, were just like you read about in books and this pen could not do justice to them.

Still another surprise awaited us, when Mrs. Ewing told us that Miss Hitchcock would read for us. She read several selections and needless to say we enjoyed every one of them and wanted more, but living in Wright Hall has its disadvantages and so we all returned after trying to assure our hostess that we had had a perfectly splendid time which would never be forgotten.

### PHI PHI ALPHA

The evening was taken up with the regular college debate. Resolved, that the United States in cooperation with the states should require every able bodied male citizen upon attaining the age of twenty-one years, to serve a stipulated term in the State Militia.

Affirmative: Kennedy, Fulcher and Doer.

Negative: Davies, Cheney and Case.

The decision was given to the negative.

Professor Hedges gave a talk in which he outlined his plans for debating and gave a plan by which the college could develop a strong team this year.

### PROHIBITION TALK.

Mr. N. Peterson, traveling secretary of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association gave a stirring talk Thursday morning in chapel on the league and its values for the coming year. He stated that the league was organized in 200 different colleges and includes 100,000 members, that 220 of these institutions gave a credit course for the study of the prohibition question.

The state oratorical contest is held once each year, the second year there is an interstate contest, both which attract and arouse a great deal of interest. The league needs constructive work against the saloon. Next fall there will be a campaign for state wide prohibition. Alma College should have a share in this work as all the other colleges. The contest and all other opportunities are offered to both sexes and we would like to have Alma represented by a few of the Wright Hall suffragets. Now is the time to prepare, get into the study class, prepare for deputation work, get that oration written during the holidays if it hasn't been completed. Let's boost Alma and prohibition.

### PHILOMATHEAN.

The Philomathean society held its regular meeting Monday, Dec. 13. To give the members practice in speech making, a rock banquet was planned.

"The Faculty's Welcome to Prexy," proved a hilarious affair. Official representatives of the Faculty were gathered to welcome and advise the new coming president. "Prof. Mitchell" as toastmaster called on "Dr. Ewing," "Miss Waite," "Prof. Cook," "Dr. Brockshire," Dr. Notestein" and "President Crooks." The toasts were varied and interesting but doubtless, not worthy of the dignitaries whose sentiments they expressed.



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