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## Annual Local Oratorical Contest a Big Success

LESTER C. DOERR Wins First Place; RAY E. CHENEY, Second; MORTON G. AULT, Third

### TRAVERSE CITY OVERCOME

Alma Wins Game From Olympic Quintet in Fast Contest Last Friday Night

The Alma College basketball team furnished local fans with a delightful surprise last Friday evening, by jumping on the Traverse City Olympic team and wresting a victory from the Upstaters to the tune of 29 to 28, getting ample revenge for the one point defeat suffered last year, and leaving honors even between the two teams.

Local fans, and in fact even the basketball men themselves had not looked for a victory over the fast Olympics, who had defeated Hope college a week previous to the Alma game by a four point margin. And by the way the same evening that Alma defeated the Olympics, the Hope college team humbled the M. I. A. C. five to the tune of 20 to 16, which would seem to indicate that the Alma college basketball team is far from as weak as had been thought to be the case. With the loss of every man from last year's M. I. A. A. brigade, fans were looking forward to a poor season, but the game that the Maroon and Cream quintet put up last Friday evening, seems to show that Alma will again have a crack team in the M. I. A. A. race and one that will fight to the last ditch to bring the honors of the Michigan Intercollegiate to Alma college.

The fact that Alma was able to outdo the Olympics on their own floor, and with the strongest lineup that the Traverse Cityites could muster, is significant, showing as it does that Alma has a team that does not know what defeat is.

Reports have it that the locals played by far the best game that they have shown this season. The guarding was of the highest order at all times. No sooner would a Traverse City player receive the ball on a pass than an Alma man was on him, and it was indeed rare that the Olympics had a chance to shoot for a basket, without having a Maroon and Cream warrior guarding him. Such was the work of the guards that the efforts of the Olympics to shoot baskets nearly failed. They were forced to take hurried shots, or to shoot at the baskets from anything but natural positions, resulting in failure to land the points as a rule.

The local basket shooters were well guarded, but the Alma fight aided them greatly. The Traverse City defense was broken frequently, good teamwork featuring the playing of the Alma team at all stages of the contest, which gave the Maroon and Cream five more chances for baskets than fell to the Upstaters.

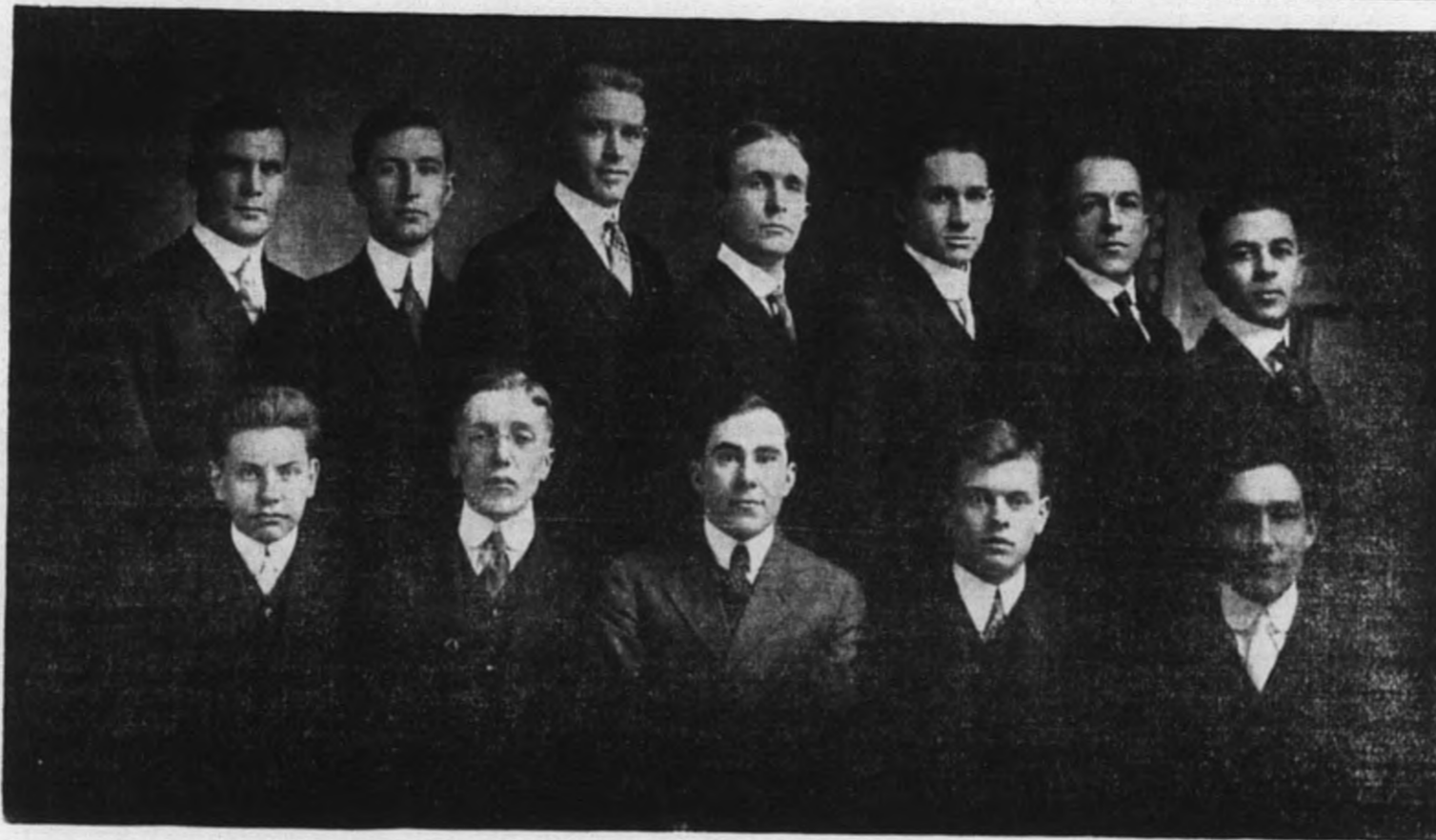
The fact that the locals defeated the Olympics on their own floor, is certain proof that the Almates outplayed the Northerners as the advantage of playing on the home floor is no mean one and on some floors means a difference of from a dozen to two dozen points.

H. DUNHAM.

### Big Family Celebration

50th Anniversary

From Feb. 1 to Mar. 3 1916, the Association family will celebrate its anniversary



Contestants and Officers, Upper row, left to right—Morton G. Ault, Lester E. Doerr, Ray E. Cheney, Prof. Hedges, Merrill G. Hyde, Homer M. Dunham, Isadore Friedman. Lower row—Stanley A. Warner, Robert E. McAllister, Melvin Vender, Verne Van Duzen, Eluid Sanchez.

The men's oratorical contest last Friday night was a great success in every way. Many elements enter into making such an occasion either a pronounced success or failure. In this particular instance, however, all the details connected with the event seem to have been well provided for. The setting of this little oratorical drama could not have been better conceived, for more appropriate scenery would be difficult to contrive than the immense American flag serving as a gigantic, harmonious background for the outpourings of true American eloquence. Indeed all the accessories so necessary to the ardent American spell-binder were very much in evidence, for was not the speaker's stand draped with Old Glory, and was not the huge pitcher of ice water and drinking glass also there to add significance to the occasion? How could these future notables of America falter in their eloquence with such a background, and with an appreciating audience before them. Indeed the occasion will go down in the history of Alma College as a most notable event, since never before has such a large and representative collection of loyal college men taken part in this annual preliminary contest. Never before has the spirit of loyalty to a college activity been so noticeable. These men entered the contest not primarily to win the gold medal, but to aid in putting the college which they love on a firmer basis in this most important of activities. And well did they succeed, for the impetus gained by such a successful event will greatly stimulate all the other forensic activities of the present college year and the years to come.

Reference should also be made to other details of the program such as the musical numbers and the effective way in which the presiding officer of the evening contributed his share to an evening of entertainment and real profit. Prof. C. A. Maney who opened and concluded the program of the evening with exhibitions of real genius at the piano, greatly pleased his audience which called time and again for encores. Prof. Veatch as usual won his audience with an especially well chosen vocal selection, and in his unusually sympathetic rendering of the *Invictus* by Hum, made one feel that the remarkably effective climax of that song ought to be indefinitely prolonged. Rev. W. H. Mason as the presiding officer of the evening showed his intimate knowledge of various details of procedure appropriate for such an occasion. He, however, refrained with his characteristic modesty from announcing to the audience that it was he who was offering the valuable gold medal to the winner of the contest. And this is surely the proper place to

show appreciation of his invaluable aid and interest in affairs oratorical at Alma College.

The audience also was an ideal one especially in the receptive way that it listened to the speakers. At no time was it restless, as is often the case at contests of this nature. And it is true, as one in the audience well said, that when the last of the ten speakers had finished his oration, the crowd was as attentive and eager to hear as at the beginning of the contest. This speaks well for the orators, as the style of delivery was not the gushing, high-flowing and bombastic form of expression which always disgusts an audience. Rather it was more conversational, natural, and well adapted to the audience and place of delivery. The men spoke as though they had a real message and did not produce the effect sometimes noticeable when college orators in parrot-like manner convey to the audience the impression that a premium has been placed on memorizing and that the delivering of a message has been made a secondary matter. The effectiveness with which an audience is impressed by a message is the real test of effective public speaking and to all appearances the audience on this occasion rendered a most favorable decision.

The following is a list of the speakers as they appeared on the program:

The Cry of the Spanish American—Eluid Sanchez.

America's Greatest Curse—Merrill J. Hyde.

Plea for a Conservative Press—Homer M. Dunham.

The Golden Rule in Business—Robert E. McAllister.

A Young Man's Problem—Ray E. Cheney.

Revolt Against Mars—Verne L. VanDuzen.

The College Man's Mission—Melvin Vender.

Our Nation's Creed—Morton G. Ault.

The Future of the American Negro—Stanley A. Warner.

The Battle of Life—Lester C. Doerr.

Presiding Officer—Rev. W. H. Mason.

Judges—Mr. Francis King, Rev. Priest, Attorney James A. Greene, Attorney John T. Matthews and Rev. Jackson.

We are unable, because of the lack of space, to print the winning orations in full. The following is, in part, the thought of the three winning orations.

**The Battle of Life.**

(Leser C. Doerr, First.)

Our estimates of life vary according to our positions and experiences. To one, life is "a vale of tears." His nature is pitched on a minor key, so

that he becomes sensitive to the sorrow in the world. To another life is "a pilgrimage to a better country," and each day brings him nearer to his destination. To a third, life is only a "mystery," a problem which cannot be solved. Others will tell you that life is "a great game, a time of probation."

Mr. Doerr then pictured the world as a great encampment in which every responsible man, woman, and child has been enlisted. We are thrust into this battle regardless of equipment, and even nature is against us, "why is life such a battle?—I do not know except that every definite action is conditioned on a definite resistance." But this definite resistance, the painful struggles of life's battle are but the hammer and chisel that release the statue from the imprisoned marble. Then we have learned, "how divine a thing it is to suffer and be strong."

As when in the east we see the first faint tinges of light brightening the horizon, we foretell the coming day; so when we see what divineness has interpreted the last half century, we can predict a higher and nobler civilization that shall include the race. It has taken God many millenniums to bring us where we are; and He need not worry since He has an eternity in which to work. But we have only a lifetime. Then let us say with Browning, "I was ever a fighter, so one fight more, the last and the best." And may this last best battle be one of glorious and honorable service to mankind.

**A Young Man's Problem.**

(Ray E. Cheney, Second.)

We sometimes speak of strife for supremacy and "survival of the fittest" as if they were things of the past but never in the history of the race has the fight been keener than it is at the present time. We reach our goal by using the experience of others as stepping stones. Our very success is measured by our ability to use these experiences and to use them intelligently.

This is an age of financial progress, and it has become a natural tendency for college men to strive to make money and then measure their success in the same terms. The pressure of finance has indeed intensified the "young man's problem" of choosing a vocation. The day he chooses a vocation is the all important day in a man's life. Then he decides either to live for self or to live for humanity. "Will our life be like a candle which during its short life sends out a feeble light but during a perverse wind goes out, leaving behind it a darkness that is deeper and gloomier than before or will our life be like the sun, as it travels through the sky,

### INTERESTING TALK WAS GIVEN

Rev. John Steele Gives Instructive Talk on Prohibition to Students in Chapel.

A very interesting discourse on Prohibition was delivered in chapel on Thursday morning by John Steele of Winona Lake, Indiana. Rev. Steele is Associate Secretary of the Board of Temperance of the Presbyterian Church of America. This board is the youngest of the nine different boards of the Presbyterian church.

The board at present is greatly interested in foundation work that is, in creating an atmosphere. We know that there are different forces at work all over America creating atmosphere. The Temperance Board is primarily concerned in creating an atmosphere—manufacturing ammunition—against the liquor interest. Rev. Steele is an excellent marksman with the ammunition.

We know that while a student is sick all progress of study is at an end, he has no initiative for work neither can he think clearly. If his disease be a violent or dangerous one, he is segregated that the community may be protected. Many people are taken from happy homes and beautiful environments; their personal liberty is taken from them under the law, that the community may be protected. That is the work of the Board of Health. Relate this to our subject "Alcohol and Health." Alcohol is a menace to health and has done more to break down health than all disease. We should have a Board of Health to put a perpetual barrier against it.

Rev. Steele then made an imaginary picture of a great vat filled with grapes. Around the grapes a great number of micro-organisms (ferments) are floating. The grapes are crushed. Then the micro-organisms work into the tissue and get at the sugar in the cells, and fermentation takes place. In this process the waste matter rises to 13 per cent, but never passes 13 per cent., because at this per cent. the waste has become deadly enough to kill every living cell in the grapes. "The Waste is Alcohol." There is 33.1-2 per cent. alcohol in a glass of Chicago beer, 12 per cent. in a bottle of California Wine. A man who drinks a bottle of wine a day is always intoxicated. Brandy contains 50 per cent. alcohol, Rum 30 per cent. Whisky 40 per cent., Gin 30 per cent. The remaining per cent. is water.

The following is the resolution of the Scientific Convention held in London, England, 1908: "After careful laboratory research we find alcohol to be a dehydrated protoplasmic poison; degenerating to every living organism. Destructive to the tissue of life. Never found to be a stimulant, always a depressant, a narcotic and anesthetic.

Alcohol breaks down the white corpuscles in the blood, which make up the first line of defense in the human body. What the body needs is water not alcohol, 75 per cent. of the muscle tissue is made of water. The brain is 80 per cent. water, (not on it but in it.) The blood is 75 per cent. water.

Eminent criminologists claim that the criminal class comes directly or indirectly from the use of alcohol. Dr. Kreber has proved conclusively that a small amount of alcohol affects the brain. If anyone would be a brain worker he must keep normal. Alcohol paralyzes the moral cells in the brain. The State of Massachusetts claims that 80 per cent. of the crimes committed in the state are the result of alcohol. The Chief Justice of England said, "that if England would drive out the saloon, she would rid herself of

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WOMEN'S ORATORICAL CONTEST

In the interest aroused by the men's oratorical contest we must not forget that next Thursday night the Women's Oratorical Contest is to be held in the chapel. At this time three young women will compete to represent the college in the state contest. We must not forget that this is just as important as the contest last Friday evening, that these young ladies have put lots of hard work on these orations and it is right that they speak to a large and appreciative audience.

CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

For a number of years we have had men's oratorical contests. During the last few years only a few contestants have entered each year. Whether this was due to lack of interest in oratory or due to the lack of effort on the part of the professor of public speech we do not say.

Last Friday evening ten men delivered orations. In the light of past years this is, to say the least, very encouraging. It points to a greater degree of enthusiasm in oratory and debate. It shows the possibilities that are latent in Alma College along this line.

For this revival of oratorical effort to whom are we to give credit? Certainly we can not account for it thru any intense enthusiasm on the part of the student body. Rather credit is due, first to the ten men that participated in the contest. As we know some entered merely for the sake of oratory, others entered that there might be at least six contestants that the winner of the contest might receive the medal offered. All worked and worked hard. Writing orations is not done over night. The successful oration is a product of study, reading, thought and then written expression of that thought. To complete a winning oration demands weeks of unremitting effort. For this work credit is due all but especially to those who, out of loyalty to oratory in Alma College, entered that there might be at least six contestants, realizing that they stood little chance of winning. Surely this is the highest type of Alma Spirit. That Spirit will keep Alma in the forefront of oratorical and debating accomplishment.

But there is another who deserves even more credit, one who has worked hard since last September that the contest might be a real success. He found oratorical enthusiasm in Alma at a low ebb. By working thru the press, by public announcement and by unremitting zeal he has awakened a greater degree of enthusiasm in public speech than has been known in Alma for a number of years. That effort has not stopped with oratory alone for since all he has been working zealously that Alma may have debating teams that will be a credit to her. To Prof. Hedges we extend an expression of appreciation from the student body of Alma College for increasing interest in oratory for bringing out 10 men for the local contest instead of three and for his zeal in working for the good name of the school.

May the good work continue.

FROEBEL.

At the first meeting of the new year a very interesting program was given. The general subject was "Good Literature." Roll call was answered to by "Favorite Novels and Authors" and papers were given on "Do Libraries contain too much Fiction." Bernice Sweet, "Why is Fiction needed in the Libraries," Lucile Lott, "The Six Best Novels and their Authors," Martha Voltz.

SHORT STORY CONTEST.

In this issue the staff in cooperation with President Crooks and Miss Waite are inaugurating a short story contest subject to the following conditions:

1. The sum of \$10 for first and \$5 for second prize will be given by President Crooks for the stories receiving the best grade; such stories will be published in the Almanian with the name of the author. Other stories beside the prize winners may be published according to the discretion of the editors.
2. Story to contain not less than 2000 words.
3. Papers must be submitted to the judges not later than April 5.
4. Contest to be open to all college and kindergarten students, who have payed or agreed to pay their subscriptions.
5. There must be at least 6 contestants.
6. Stories to be judged by Dr. Ewing, Miss Olive Smith of Alma High School and Rev. Jackson.

ZETA SIGMA

The first meeting of Zeta Sigma for the new year was held Monday evening, Jan. 10.

The following officers were installed:

President—Alfred Papworth.  
Vice President—Oscar Anderson.  
Secretary—Frank Bittner.  
Treasurer—William Murphy.  
Janitor—Fred Caro Parker.

After the new officers took their places the regular literary program was given as follows:

Debate—Resolved that the U. S. in cooperation with the States, should require every male citizen, upon reaching the age of twenty-one to serve a stipulated term in the State militia.

Affirmative—Brewbaker, M. Smith and Spinney.

Negative—Lampman, Coleman and Thurau.

The society acting as judges gave the decision to the affirmative.

A paper—The effects of the war on American industry was presented by Mr. Parker.

Ambition was the subject of a Declaration by Mr. Seeley.

Impromptus: The Social Revolution in Alma College, H. G. French.

The Progress of the Grip, S. Warner.

The Financial opportunities in Alma College, R. Eugene MacAllister, late of Oak Park, Ill.

Prof. Hedges gave a short but helpful talk.

This was by far the best meeting of the new year.

L. M.—A. R.

PHILOMATHEAN.

The Philomathean society held its regular meeting Monday, Jan. the 10. Roll call was responded to by names of great musicians and composers, with a brief comment on their works. Miss McKay gave a very interesting paper on the history of music, tracing the growth of modern harmony and musical instruments from the most ancient times to the Greeks. Miss Resique gave a piano solo in a very delightful manner. Miss Baker gave a short talk on "How we can make Philo an Ideal Society." After the program the society gathered for a social hour, with its patronesses and honorary members to welcome Mrs. Crooks, the society's new patroness. The society is very glad to have Mrs. Crooks as a patroness and is sure that she will be a most delightful member of the society.

PHI PHI ALPHA.

The officers who were elected at the meeting just previous to Christmas vacation took their places at the regular meeting of the society on Jan. 10. The officers for this term are:  
President—Isadore Friedman.  
Vice president—Ray Cheney.  
Secretary—J. A. B. MacAuley.  
Treasurer—Melvin Vender.  
First Critic—Lewis Sarvis.  
Second Critic—Robert Notestein.  
Janitor—Venus Burch.  
Three readings were given by Fred Porter. An article on Micro-organisms was read by Beshgetoor. Im-

promptus were responded to by Jackson, Richards, Fulcher and Van Duzen.

Y. W. C. A.

The meeting was most interesting. It was on "Missions" and was lead by Esther Ricketts. Letters from missionaries were read by the girls on the missionary committee. These were very good and gave us a much better idea of the missionary's life and his work. A beautiful song was sung by Joe Hall, Joe Reiser, Betty Westover, and Ruth Weston.

SCIENCE CLUB.

The club held one of its regular meetings Saturday, Jan. 8. Prof. C. A. Maney gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on the work of Astro-Physics.

LOCAL ITEMS.

From Feb. 1, to March 3, 1916 there will be an immense birthday party, where girls and women of the Association Family will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary.

Last Friday President Crooks spoke before the Highland Park High School in Detroit. It may be of interest to know that this school is situated in the Ford district. During the last few years the school has increased from a membership of about 100 to over 800.

Wednesday morning Pres. Crooks expects to go to Chicago where he will attend a meeting of the presidents and deans of the Presbyterian Colleges of the Middle West. On Thursday and Friday he will be in attendance at a meeting of the American Association of Colleges.

NORMALS FRIDAY NIGHT.

On Friday evening of this week Coach Helmer will bring his Mt. Pleasant Normal team to Alma to play the Maroon and Cream, and with the best team that the Normals have ever had, Helmer is planning on defeating the locals. The Normals will bring a large crowd to Alma to support their team. Alma also should have a large crowd out to cheer the local quintet on. Alma will be forced to play her best to win.

The Normal second team will also play here Friday evening, being scheduled to play the local high school team. This game also promises to be a lively affair.

It will be a big evening for the basketball fans. Don't fail to be on the job.

H. DUNHAM.

STANDING ROOM ONLY.

They tell of a star who was in hard luck and was given a pair of trousers at the charity headquarters and told to go into a room and put them on. When he came out the superintendent asked:  
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**Alumni Round Table**

Where we are and what we are doing

To announce the arrival of Robert Dell on Jan. 3, 1916, weight 9½ pounds, Mr. and Mrs. Claud W. Satterlee, '13.

Mrs. Frank Locker, a former student of the college, died at her home in Mt. Clemens, Mich., on July 21.

Mrs. Sarah Kirby Locker was born June 2, 1880 in Ingham county, Michigan. She was the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Kirby. The Kirby family moved to Gratiot county from Ingham in 1881 and settled on a farm. After graduating from the St. Louis high school Mrs. Locker took a course in the Yearington Business College, located at St. Louis, and after graduating from that institution she became a teacher of elocution and shorthand in the same school. Seeking a further education she entered Alma College and remained for two years. During that period she was active in the work of the Y. W. C. A. and the Philomathean Literary Society. After two years of work she gave up her education to engage in work as assistant pastor of the First Baptist church of Detroit. Through loving service filled with self sacrifice she won the hearts of many who needed what she had to give.

In the fall of 1911 she went to Los Angeles, Cal., and became Sabbath School Visitor of the Temple Baptist church. When she left her work in that state to return to Michigan she received many expressions of appreciation of the work she had done there.

She was married Sept. 9, 1912 to Frank H. Locker, a former Alma student, and since that time their home has been made, first in Detroit, and then in Mt. Clemens.

Mrs. Locker was ill in the hospital for nearly ten weeks. Hugh Kirby Locker was born May 15 and died May 17. Naturally this was a shock to her. After a prolonged illness she died on July 21.

Funeral services held at the home, were in charge of Rev. George Eliot, pastor of the M. E. church and Rev. Mickleham of the Baptist church took charge of the service at the Evergreen cemetery in Detroit.

Newark, N. J.  
Dec. 31, 1915.

The Almanian, Alma Michigan, Gentlemen:—I know of nothing better to do on the closing day of 1915 than to pay my subscription to the excellent paper you are publishing.

Mr. Lester VonThurn, '13 of Philadelphia, spent Christmas in our home. He is doing excellent work in our Philadelphia agency and I wish I had some more Alma men like him. Miss Louise Strange, '05 now attending the National Y. W. C. A. Training School in New York City, was another recent welcome guest in our home.

I was recently elected an Executive member of the Watching Home and School Association. My friend and neighbor Dr. W. N. Ferrin is a member of the Executive Committee of the Association. He was formerly connected with Pacific University in Oregon and is well known to President Crooks.

In January I expect to make a six weeks trip through the West and South and shall hope to meet a few Alma people while gone.

With best wishes for the new year, Truly yours,

WILLIAM WINTON, '04.

Nineteen former Alma students who are at present students at U. of M. gathered at MacMillan Hall on evening of Jan. 7.

An Alma Club was organized with following officers:

President—Carroll Hyde, '14.  
Vice President—Miss Emily M. Hooper, '13.  
Secretary—Rex Van Duzen, '13.  
Treasurer — Miss Norma Wight, ex'17.

Definite steps were taken towards making arrangements for an Alma banquet to be held in Ann Arbor during the latter part of February. At this time it is hoped that a representative from Alma college may be present and also many alumnae who live near Ann Arbor.

ALUMNI.

Announcements of the marriage of the following former Alma students have been received by friends of the college during the past months.

Mr. Carlyle R. Carr and Miss Bernice Pauline Pollasky were married Nov. 18, 1915, in Alma, Mich. They now reside at 30 Medbury Avenue, Detroit, Mich.

Dr. Lester Whyland Sharp, '08 and Miss Mabel Gunther were married Dec. 28, 1915 in Carson City, Mich. They are now living at 123 Quarry street, Ithaca, N. Y. Dr. Sharp is an instructor in Cornell University.

Miss Joyce Rhoda Fairweather and Dr. Marrell Mallory Jones were married Dec. 29, 1915 in Imlay City, Mich. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are living in 2447 East Grand Boulevard, Detroit, Mich.

Miss Edith Hagedon and Mr. Harry A. Warner were married Dec. 7, 1915, in Algonac, Mich. They were residing in Toledo where Mr. Warner died Christmas night, after a short illness from pneumonia. Mrs. Warner will return to Alma college the second semester to do further work on her degree.

The engagement of Miss Lucile F. Hargrave, '09 to Harmon J. Kline B. S. of Detroit has been announced. Miss Hargrave was very popular during her college days at Alma, and will be remembered as a member of many pleasant social evenings at Wright Hall. Mr. Kline is a graduate of the U. of M., '09, from the Engineering Department and is making good in Detroit, where they expect to make their home.

YOUNG MAN PASSES AWAY.

Dewitt Marks, a former Alma college student passed quietly away at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Marks of Plainwell, Mich., on Wednesday, Jan. 5, 1916 after suffering about five months from cancers of the intestines caused by the bursting of the appendix before a previous operation.

Mr. Marks attended Alma college during the years of 1911 and 1912 and in that time made many friends among the students, faculty and people of the city. He took a very active part in athletics playing right half back on the college football team both years that he was here and was an excellent track man, holding a record of 10 flat in the 100 yard dash. Besides being an athlete he was a debater making the position of sub to the team in his first year and the regular team the second.

After leaving Alma college he taught in the Fenton high school for two years with the intentions of finishing his schooling at the University of Michigan. It was after he returned to this institution for a course in the summer school that he was taken ill with an attack of appendicitis for which he had an operation. The operation seemed successful and Marks grew better but he was taken ill again this fall about the time school opened and from that time he grew steadily worse until the end came.

LABORATORY ADDITION.

Prof. Maney has recently made some important additions to the Physics laboratory equipment especially apparatus for electrical experiments. Among the more important are several Weston Direct Current Measuring Instruments, including both Voltmeters and Ammeters. With these instruments electrical measurements down to .001 of an ampere and .001 of a volt or less can be made.

There is also a new Motor-Generator set and a complete switchboard, made and installed by Ray Beshgeoor, to operate it. The motor-generator consists of an alternating current motor, to run on the lighting current, direct-connected to and turning a small dynamo to give direct current suitable for laboratory use.

This new equipment adds a great deal to the value of the courses in physics and makes possible many new experiments.

Miss Zella Comer received a visit from her uncle Mr. John Weston of Alden, Mich., one day last week.

*For College Girls*

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**ANNUAL ORATORICAL CONTEST**

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sometimes obscured by clouds but always reappearing, and finally at the sunset leaving behind it a ruddy glow that will cause people to stop and comment on its splendor. And as no sunset is perfect without clouds, so no life can be developed without its troubles.

Now in considering the vocation itself and our aim in life, are we seeking for wealth, will our lives be devoted to the service of others. Or shall we strike a medium by doing good to others as we meet them in our daily life. The man who is striving for wealth is too narrow to see the big things in life. On the other hand the man who devotes his entire time to the service of others often fails to appreciate the difficulties which beset the man of business. It is the unselfish, altruistic business man who exerts the greatest influence in the world.

**Our Nations Creed.**

(Morton G. Ault, Third.)

Every institution is founded upon principal. Self denial was the foundation of the monastic system of the middle ages; democracy was the cornerstone of the New England town meeting; "liberty, equality, and fraternity," constituted the basic principals of the French Revolution — a principal which caused thrones to totter and tyranny to flee.

But among the great institutions which have made a glorious progress, none have contributed more to the world than the United States. Its future became certain when it adopted for its creed, "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

I believe in America's desire for liberty—the destination of our nation. The Declaration of Independence, the Abolition of Slavery were epochmaking events in the growth of freedom. But this good work of progress is not complete, to these must be added the enfranchisement of women, the abolition of the liquor traffic, the purification of political life, the enforcement of existing laws, and the unification of our numerous states into one tongue and flag.

**PROHIBITION TALK.**

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the cause of nine-tenths of the crimes committed within her borders. "Lloyd George said, that the British Empire must fear alcohol more than the bullets of the enemy."

The first line of defense of this American nation is being broken down by alcohol. Doctors are warned to no longer prescribe it for medicine. Scientific fact of today proves that alcohol has no place in the human body.

(Alcohol may be effectively used to run a Ford automobile over the rocky road to Dublin.)

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

The date of the Woman's Oratorical Contest has been changed and the contest will be held in the college chapel on Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The speakers of the evening will appear in the following order:

Adelaide Ballou—"A Modern Jinn."  
Miss Bernice Ireland—"Human Compliments."

Miss Ruth Dutt—"The Melting Pot."

Musical selections will be given at the opening and the close of the contest.

**SPEEDING IT UP.**

"You see," he exclaimed as he showed her the wish bone of the turkey, "you take hold there and I'll take hold here. Then we must both make a wish and pull, and when it breaks the one who has the bigger part of it will have his or her wish gratified."

"But I do not know what to wish for," she protested.

"Oh you can think of something," he said.

"No I can't," she replied. "I can not think of anything I want very much."

You really wish for me?" she asked.

"Well, then, there's no use of fooling with a wish bone," she interrupted, with a smile; "you can have me."—Springfield Union.

Colds, grippe and sore throats are every where. Beware—Don't let the germs get you. It's leap year you know.

**THE RING AND THE BOOK.**

Take a lot of money,  
Take a lot of style,  
Take some words of honey,  
And some words of guile.  
Take a little dinner  
Lighted up with candles.  
Draw and then a sinner  
Telling all the scandals,  
Take a little courage,  
Take an auto too.  
Take a girl that's feeling gay  
Then you'll start the marriage way.  
Take a little carelessness,  
Then a little doubt,  
Trouble surely will, start to stir about.  
Then the wheels will roll again  
Back goes wifey home again.  
Then the husband swears revenge  
Back for wifey he goes again.  
Hubby pleads but she won't listen,  
Hubby curses but she don't fear him.  
Then in anguish the cruel creature  
beat her  
And dear little wifey goes home to St. Peter.  
From this time on he will never meet her,  
For he's no friend of old St. Peter.  
(Due apology to Browning.)

**MIKE THE MONK.**

Probably because of the war, the organ grinding business was very dull. And so our story opens. Tony Vesputti had a bright idea.

"Hah!" he exclaimed in Italian. "Huh! I will dressa da monk up like-a Char! Chaplin an' make-a da fortun!"

Which he proceeded to do, and in short order Mike the monk was arrayed in a derby hat two sizes too big, a pair of trousers four sizes too big, a little mustache two sizes too small, and a cane with a hook on the end.

"Hah," cried Tony, surveying his handiwork. 'Beautiful! Exquis! squint Char! Chaplin da monk!'

And he rushed out to find his friend Pietro.

Mike the monk looked down at himself, frowned and jumped up on Tom's wash stand and grabbed up Tony's shaving mirror.

He saw himself!

Tying the end of his chain to Tony's bedpost, he leaped out the window and hung himself.

The train stopped in a Prohibition town. A man thrust his head out of a window and excitedly called out: "A woman has fainted in here! Has any one any whisky?" A man in the crowd reluctantly put his hand to his hip pocket and drew forth a bottle about half full, and handed it up to the man at the open window. To the astonishment of all, the man put the bottle to his lips and drained the contents. Then, as the train pulled out, he called back to the bewildered on-lookers:

"It always did make me nervous to see a woman faint!"—Everybody's.

A lady and her little daughter were walking through a fashionable street when they came to a portion strewn with straw, so as to deaden the noise of vehicles passing a certain house.

"What's that for, mama?" said the child.

The mother replied: "Why, the lady in that house has had a little baby girl sent her?"

The child thought a moment, looked at the quantity of straw, and said: "Awfully well packed, wasn't she, mama?"

"Now, wouldn't you like to walk with your husband to the polls and cast in your vote with his?" asked the city lady of Mrs. Brown.

Mrs. Brown shook her head as she answered wearily: "For the land sakes, if there's anything a man can do by himself, let him do it!"—Everybody's.

There is no such word as "can't." Some people say cows can't climb trees, but did you ever see a cow try?

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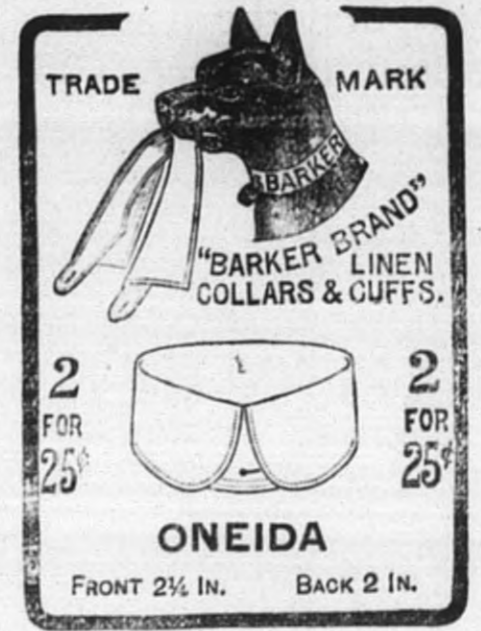
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