

# The Weekly Almanian

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## OPENING RECEPTION AT WRIGHT HALL FRIDAY EVENING

### DELIGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT

#### Burton Thatcher Bass Baritone Pleases Large Audience Friday Night.

The recital given by Burton Thatcher on Friday evening last under the auspices of the Alma Lyceum Course gave excellent satisfaction to a large audience and fully maintained the high standard set by the previous musical numbers in the series. Mr. Thatcher's voice is a baritone of fine quality and has a range great enough to justify the description of it as a "bass-baritone." A thorough training under the best voice experts has resulted in giving Mr. Thatcher a magnificent instrument for the interpretation of musical notes and feeling, which he uses with fine effect in the rendering of the compositions of the masters of the art.

In addition to almost perfect voice-control and exactness of enunciation, Mr. Thatcher has 'temperament' and fine intelligence, all of which were shown in delightful rendering of the various numbers on his program. From the formal style of Verdi's "Aria Eri Tu" to the dramatic abandon of "The Fool's Soliloquy," the singer led his auditors thru a wide range of musical expression with an apparent ease which betokened the confidence of the artist in his talent.

The program took a wide range both in composers and in expression of notes and feeling, a number of unfamiliar songs being interspersed with some old favorites, such as "Sapphic Ode," by Brahms and Dambrosch's setting of Kipling's "Danny Deever," the latter being given with exceptional finish and fidelity to the composer's conception. Mr. Thatcher was exceptionally pleasing in his interpretation of old English songs, such as "Believe Me" and "Drink to Me Only," while in "Uncle Rome" he touched the springs of feeling which lie deep in the human heart. Other numbers which seemed to give especial pleasure were the dramatic "Song of Tristram" and the weird "Haunt of the Witches," with its unexpected ending.

Thruout the rendering of the evening's program, there was no straining after effect, and none was needed to produce a most pleasurable one upon the feelings of his hearers, who applauded generously and insisted upon recalling the artist frequently. A genial manner helped to establish a good understanding between audience and singer from the very first, causing one to feel that he was merely asking them to stroll with him thru pleasant meads and listen to the singing of birds and the varied expression of joyous human life, rather than inviting them to an exhibition of artistic skill. Used in this way, the human voice becomes a vehicle for the conveying of the purest pleasure to the hearts and minds of those who listen and possibly no higher praise can be given Mr. Thatcher than that involved in the statement that he gave a full measure of such pleasure to those fortunate enough to hear him on this occasion.

#### PREPARATIONS FOR

##### "MAY FESTIVAL"

On Tuesday evening in the college chapel the "May Festival Chorus" will be organized. All members of "Messiah Chorus" are urged to be present and a cordial invitation is extended to all other singers in the community. No expense connected with membership except that members must provide their own music. Chorus copies of "Martha" the opera to be staged, will be on sale for thirty cents at the meeting. Come prepared to purchase your copy.

#### SARVIS LEAVES COLLEGE

On account of a radical change in plans Sarvis left college at the close of the first semester. For a number of years he has been employed during vacation in a drafting house in Detroit. He expects to resume his work with this firm upon his return. Further plans to continue his education have not as yet been completed.

We feel that it is only right that an expression of appreciation be given here for his activity in college affairs. Probably there was no other lower classman in school that took a more active interest in college life than did Sarvis. The moral and educa-



LOUIS J. SARVIS, EX-'18

tional character of an institution is molded largely by the leaders in the student body. We cannot help but feel that Alma College has lost a definite force for wholesome College Spirit.

As critic in Phi Phi Alpha, vice president of Y. M. C. A. and the Science Club, Associate Editor of the Almanian, and an active worker in religious activities, he exerted a positive influence for good in school life.

The Almanian voices the sentiment of the college in wishing him lots of success in the future and his usual measure of hard work.

His address is 156 Merrick avenue, Detroit, Mich.

#### JUNIOR PARTY

Tuesday evening the Juniors had one of the most delightful parties of the year. Not all the class were present but eighteen people surely never had a more enjoyable time although the occasion was some what saddened by thoughts of Robert McAllister's departure on the morrow. A long table decorated in blue and white and lighted by candles covered with shades of the same colors presented an attractive appearance. The place cards in Forget-Me-Not Design were very unique. After the main part of the dinner the class withdrew to the reception room where a cheerful grate fire was soon playing on the hearth. Here the desert, apple pie, ala mode and coffee were daintily served. Then followed the toasts, "Tickets" Stafford the Junior president being toastmaster.

"Tickets" introduced each speaker in his usual witty manner and his remarks were well worthy of the regard and esteem which all the class hold for Bob. "Chet" Robinson responded to the toast "Early Memories" relating many boyish pranks and odd experiences when they were boy chums. Lester Doerr spoke of his relations with Bob as "A Fellow Orator," "Peg" Markham and "Sis" Coleman spoke in behalf of the girls for the friendship and loyalty that has always been shown between the girl and fellows and of "M. C. S" part in making our life here more enjoyable. "Peg" expressed the desire that business would be dull so Bob would return to the class as soon as fall. "Issy" Friedman (Continued on Page Four.)

### LOST INTERCOLLEGIATE GAME

#### Albion Defeats Local Team in a Fast Contest on Home Floor.

Friday, Jan. 28 the Alma college basketball team was defeated in a great battle with Albion college by a three point margin.

The M. I. A. A. game was a brilliant contest from start to finish, despite the fact that the locals were terribly crippled and short handed for such a hard game. The fact, that Alma, three men short, was able to play Albion almost to a standstill, shows the kind of a game that the Maroon and Cream put up, and it reflects great credit on the locals. The game was also a clean one, a marked contrast to the game of the previous week with the Normals.

Foot and Smith were out of the game, and just a few hours before time for the game to start, it was discovered that Eddie Johnson, center on the Alma team, was suffering from an attack of mumps, and Eddie was out of the game, making it necessary for Bleamaster to do some wholesale shifting of his lineup, which was done with fine effect as the score of 26 to 23 shows.

Richards who has been playing guard in place of Foot, was shifted to the center position, and Melvin, a new man, was shoved into the guard position. Gaffney and Jessup alternated at the forward station heretofore held down by Malcom Smith. Donald Smith, who had played this forward position the week before, was taken sick with mumps on Thursday, the day before the game, pulling four men from the contest, as Don Smith would have seen action had he been able to play.

Alma took a lead at the start of the game and held it for a couple minutes, when Albion went into the lead with a couple field baskets. Alma continued a great fight throughout the game, and frequently the Maroon and Cream had the score tied, but could not "hit the sawdust trail" which leads to victory. A foul and a field basket of the most sensational order in the last couple minutes pulled Albion out of a tie and gave them the game.

For the locals, Al French was the biggest star. French guarded like a demon, all during the game, and had it not been for his efforts, there is no telling how high the Albion score might have run. French's guarding was the best seen on the local floor this year. Spinney, Gaffney and Richards aided the local cause on the firing line, each annexing field baskets for Alma.

For Albion, Sheets at the guard, Burlingame at forward and R. Daines at center held down the spotlight. The long and brilliant field baskets made by Daines in the second half landed the game for the Methodists.

Alma—Spinney ..... R. F. .... Burlingame Gaffney, Jessup L. F. .... L. Daines, Richards ..... Lambert Melvin, C. .... R. Daines Anderson ... R. G. .... Sheets French ..... L. G. .... Pasco

Field baskets: Spinney 4, Gaffney 2, Jessup 2—8. Burlingame 6, R. Daines 3, L. Daines—10. Fouls: Richards 2 out of 4, Spinney 5 out of 8, Burlingame 6 out of 12 Score first half: Albion 12, Alma 8 Referee: Nevitt, Mt. Pleasant.

—H. DUNHAM.

#### DET. COLL. OF LAW—ALMA

On Saturday night Alma ended her three day trip by taking the third straight defeat, the Detroit College of Law winning over the Maroon and Cream by a score of 16 to 9 in a slow and listless game.

The guarding of both teams was of a high order, as is attested by the low

scores, which the teams rolled up. During the first half the Lawyers had a lead of one point, the score being 6 to 5. Spinney was the whole show for Alma on offense, scoring every point that Alma made. He secured three field baskets for six points and added three points on fouls.

Lineup and summary:  
Det. C. of L.—16 Alma—9  
McKune ..... R. F. .... Spinney  
Wood ..... R. F. .... Gaffney,

Jessup  
Alexander ..... C. .... Richards  
Burack ..... L. G. .... Melvin,  
Anderson  
Finan ..... R. G. .... Jessup,

French  
Field baskets: McKune 3, Wood 4, Alexander—8 Spinney 3. Fouls: Wood 0 in 2; Spinney 3 in 4.

Referee: Finan, Detroit.

—H. DUNHAM

#### YPSILANTI—ALMA COLLEGE

On Friday night the locals went down to defeat before the Michigan State Normal school of Ypsilanti, the Teachers, scoring two points to Alma's one, in their 20 to 10 victory over the Maroon and Cream.

The game with the Pedagogues was a rough one from start to finish, owing to the fact that referee Rowe, overlooked the roughing, and called only one foul during the whole game for this violation of the rules of the game. While the lack of fouling, made the game a rough one, it also made it much faster.

According to reports radiating from the Green and White camp, not one of the Almates played up to the star role, set out for them.

The entire team which started for the Normals played throughout the game, while Alma made just one substitution.

Lineup and summary:  
Ypsilanti—20 Alma—10  
Mead ..... R. F. .... Gaffney  
Erwin ..... L. F. .... Spinney  
Hartman ..... C. .... French  
Dunbrook ... R. G. .... Richards  
Newton ..... L. G. .... Jessup,  
Anderson

Field baskets: Meade, Erwin 2, Hartman 5, Newton—9; Spinney 2, Richards 2—4.

Fouls: Mead 1 out of 2, Erwin 0 out of 1; Hartman 0 out of 1; Spinney 1 out of 5; Richards 1 out of 2. Referee: Rowe of Ann Arbor.

#### INTERESTING CHAPEL TALK

In chapel last Tuesday morning Miss Hoff, Student Secretary of the Joint Committee of the Presbyterian Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Board gave a brief talk on some of her experiences in the missionary service among the Mexicans of the southwest.

In a very interesting account of her personal experiences among the Mexicans she portrayed something of the spiritual, mental and physical poverty of their life. Although we hear much to the contrary they are a generous, kind-hearted and sympathetic people who must be reckoned with in the future. Of course there is need in every branch of the missionary service but because this is a field right at our door it calls to us for help in an especial way. Does not a country where eighty percent of the people are illiterate and where there is sixty percent of illegitimacy summon our good services?

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### WRIGHT HALL ENTERTAINS

#### Fellows of College Entertained in Delightful Leap Year Party.

On Saturday evening January 29, Wright Hall girls surprised the men of the college by entertaining them informally at a Leap Year party.

The forepart of the evening was divided into several five minute periods at the end of which the maidens must start out in quest of another partner and a new topic of conversation.

Both deans were every where present—the boys conforming to all rules of etiquette in bringing with them as chaperone "Camelia" the cat, dean of Pioneer Hall. The boys have surely taught "Camelia" patience for not a desperate effort was made to remove the crude shoes, much to the enjoyment of all present.

Stunts added to the evening's enjoyment. The girls acted well the parts of the boys and the boys in turn in taking the girls parts were more real than could be imagined.

"Tulie" Johnson and his mumps were quite evident and "Jake's black-eye" was quite conspicuous. Prof. Hedges tried to conform to all customs of Alma College in regard to pictures and oratorical contests even though they scarcely agreed with Harvard and Amherst and other large colleges of the East. Of course Prof. Maney was there for "useless each without the other."

The boys acted well their parts in representing the girls as they made a bold attempt to conform to Leap Year customs by getting up a Saturday afternoon party. "Slym" and "Peg" were quite natural and Betty and Bess could surely be heard as they called loudly from floor to floor.

Each gallant youth brought two big apples as his contribution towards refreshments which he shared with his partner at that time and fresh buttered pop corn was much enjoyed.

Altogether it was a delightful evening and proved a pleasant wind up after a strenuous week.

#### FACULTY RECEPTION

On Monday night January 24, the Faculty Club of Alma College held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Professor and Mrs. A. P. Cook. It was a meeting extraordinary, however, because the occasion was especially for the purpose of introducing President and Mrs. Crooks to all people rather intimately connected with Alma College, such as the local members of the College Board of Trustees, their wives, members of the Ladies' Aid Society Board, their husbands, members of the college faculty, and their wives. The time was spent entirely in a social way, refreshments being served and several games being indulged in to do away with any formal dignity which might be in evidence. Several piano selections by Professor Maney were highly appreciated, and all present were very glad that such an organization as the Faculty Club existed, which has as one of its principal reasons for being, the bringing of all those interested in Alma College into closer relationship and more intimate friendship.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Almanian is pleased to announce that the annual awards of the Silliman and Brownell prize scholarships have just been made to Harry Staver and Bernice Ireland respectively. These scholarships valued at fifty dollars each are given to the young man and young woman, pursuing the regular college course who have received the greatest number of honor points in the college work of the Freshman and Sophomore years.

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PHI PHI ALPHA BANQUET

Saturday evening, February 12th, the annual Lincoln banquet given by Phi Phi Alpha is to be held in the Wright House. We wish to announce this function here so that any of the alumni who may be interested may know the exact date.

During the past years the editor has heard considerable criticism concerning the expense entailed in these social functions, criticisms which imply that the banquets are not worth the expense involved.

In the first place we could say that seldom have we heard this sort of criticism coming from people who have attended the banquets. But even if this objection was not valid, even if it did come from a participant in the expense involved yet we would still disagree most vigorously.

When a society works hard all year putting practically no money into a social function is it unreasonable to expect that the one social occasion of the year be made as nearly perfect as possible? Further then if we compare the expense of the society banquets, both Zeta Sigma and Phi Phi Alpha, with those held at educational, religious or political conventions it proves after all to be very moderate. We are willing to pay money for things of a more evidently educational and social nature, ought we then to begrudge the expense of a function which is indeed the climax of the literary and social endeavor of the year? And finally, there is nothing in college life to which we may look back with fonder memories and deeper appreciation than these banquets. Whether in college or out in the world we will always remember these occasions as one of the bright spots in our college experiences.

WE NEED SOME CASH

Right now our treasury is as bare as Mother Hubbard's cupboard. Until we get the receipts from our advertisers we will have to exist on our good name or otherwise. Looking over the business manager's books we find that there is a large number of students that have not as yet handed over that dollar and a quarter. We are sorry to say that there are even some who agreed to pay before January 1, and who have not payed as yet.

Now what is the matter? Frankly we would like to know what species of human being it is that can call himself a loyal college student and yet not support the college paper. Is it our fault? Isn't the paper giving you what you want? Have you any suggestions? If so kindly let us know about it. We will appreciate the kindness. But if the paper has been at least reasonably satisfactory, if you have been given, in a measure at least, what you want and if you believe that we have tried to do our share then meet us half way and help put the paper on a sounder basis. Alma College is on the up grade, is growing and will grow and we must and will keep pace if you will do your part. Let's have some material response.

A STEP IN ADVANCE

During the coming months President Crooks expects to bring a special speaker to the college every week. It is planned that this person will address the students in chapel concerning subjects of vital interest. This is a definite step toward giving Alma's students a broader conception and a greater interest in the actual world of affairs. It marks an advance in her educational policy and if successfully carried out will be a definite asset to her cultural value.

In co-operation with President Crooks, Rev. Mason, pastor of the college church, plans to bring to his pulpit about once a month ministers who have proven to be sources of inspirational power. He does this believing that the college church is in a position of especial opportunity and desiring to make it help mold the lives of the students that come under its influence.

Colleges are founded and maintained to give young men and women a liberal education. With this end in view modern educators plan curriculums which lay especial emphasis on history, languages, or the sciences which today are rapidly revolutionizing our whole social system. Although indeed these subjects are of great cultural value, and do broaden a student's outlook yet we must admit that they treat in many cases concerning the lives and thought of men in the past and do often neglect the vital affairs of today.

By necessity then we are liable to become engrossed in those things which are as it were served up on a platter for our mental assimilation. Small wonder is it then that college men and women are sometimes considered not practical and perhaps even visionary. Anything then by which students can be brought into vital touch with the actual pulse beat of the world is worth while. To this end courses in current events have been established in some of our high schools and colleges. We believe President Crooks' plan is very much worth while and one which must be supported by the entire student body.

TO REPORTERS AND OTHERS

We have tried and will try harder in the future to print notes on the proceedings of all the societies. However it will be impossible for us to print this material unless it is put in our hands by the society reporters. As we can not very well report the news from imagination and as we dare not personally invade the "sacred precincts" we must ask each society to see to it that its reporter gives us the news.

Further, as the meetings are held on Monday evening we see no reason why the reports should not be in by Friday morning. A little forethought will be appreciated by the staff and printers.

Perhaps an explanation from us is due our readers. As there is very little in the way of news during examination week it has been an established custom to issue no paper on the succeeding week. Following this precedent we published no paper last week.

WRIGHT HALL

Miss Amoretta DeWitt is supplying in the Belding schools as teacher of Latin and German for the present.

Miss Merle McKay was at her home in Brown City between semesters.

Misses Hazel Tuck and Eva Merrill were in Marlette for a short visit last week between semesters.

Several of the girls were home visiting over the last week end. Irmah Colling, Christina Bromley, Gladys Watkins, Lucile Lott, Marion Cooper were among the number.

Misses Mary and Hazel Rubert are home for the week end and will go to Detroit to see "The Birth of a Nation" while there.

Misses Bess Brown and Marion Cooper are spending Sunday in Farwell this week.

The girls who have been quarantined with mumps are out this week.

SCIENCE CLUB

The club held its first regular meeting of the second semester in the Biological Laboratory, Saturday evening. The program consisted of two very interesting talks.

Sanitary Engineering at the Panama Canal—Guy Milligan.

Some Medieval Misapprehensions of Science—Vern Van Duzen.

ALPHA THETA

The first meeting after exams would naturally be expected by many to be rather an uninteresting one, owing to the great literary storm of the week before. This did not manifest itself in our meeting however, and we had a very good program. Miss Vernie Green sang a solo and Miss Hazel Rubert read a very well prepared paper on National Parks. After a discussion of our coming play (more about which will appear in the Almanian a later date) the meeting adjourned and most every one went to the college rink party.

ZETA SIGMA

Monday evening, Jan. 31, Zeta Sigma held its first meeting of the second semester. Mr. French read an interesting paper on the "Citizen Army of Switzerland."

Leland B. Fitch gave a talk on "Inter Collegiate Athletics." Fitch talked in his usual pleasing style; telling of the trend of the times in college athletics.

Mr. Robert McAllister gave a farewell talk to the society. Mr. McAllister is at his best on such an occasion; and did justice to the event.

FROEBEL

At a recent meeting of the Froebel society, which was for the election of officers the following girls were elected:

President—Christina Bromley.  
Vice-President—Emma Keller.  
Secretary—Edna Pino.  
Treasurer—Bertha Swanson.  
New plans were made for the coming semester.

PREHISTORIC MOVIE STORY

We get this from Sam Byrne, the noted cooncan player:

Louis Vierling was one of the pioneers of the motion picture business as far as Marquette was concerned. It was in the days when the motion picture show was a peregrinating exhibition. Vierling invested in a machine and a few films and went on the road. He reached Marquette eventually and met up with his old friend George Sackrider, who had been made stone deaf during the Civil war.

"What you doin' now, Louie?" asked George.

"Show business. Come on down tonight and take in the show."

"No use. Haven't been at a show in 30 years. Can't hear a thing."

"This is right in your mit," said Louie. "All you have to do is look at this show. Come on down and if you don't like it I'll give you money back."

George took a chance. He was one of a very few that did.

Louie did not take in tickets enough to wad a shot gun that night. When the show was half over George came out and said:

"Guess I'll take my money back now, Louie."

"What's the matter? Don't you like the show?"

"Oh the show's all right, but it's so darned lonesome in there."

WE ARE OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS

Myers, the barber in charge of the tenor chair in Old Hank Wagner's shop, has made a discovery. He finds that a talking machine record is absolutely the finest thing on earth for sharpening razors. He takes a piece of a record and rubs the razor on the music side across the fine lines made by the sound waves and asserts the result is better than he ever attained with the finest hone.

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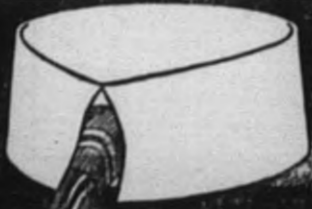
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Where we are and what we are doing



KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ST. PAUL, MINN.

You asked me to give an account of myself. "While in college I partly worked my way along, earning board and room and some more for the last 3 years. In my senior year I was President of the college Y. M. C. A. and Valedictorian of the class. The following year I spent at home helping there; then took the full seminary course at McCormick, graduating in 1902. Since then, my pastorates have been at Hebron, Ill.; Berwyn, Ill.; Forest River, N. D.; and Knox Church St. Paul. The Master's blessing has been upon the work in each place, with resulting growth along both temporal and spiritual lines. Here in St. Paul the opportunity is larger and the growth according. Both church and Bible school have doubled in membership and attendance in the four years. Our church membership is now fully 300. Our Bible school enrollment is over 400 with over 300 regular attendants. Besides, we have a good sized Home Department; a Cradle Roll of 200, the largest in the state and a branch school of about 60 enrolled and attendance of 40 to 50. We have Senior, Intermediate and Junior C. E. The latter won the District banner for three years in succession and the State banner for two years, both also won for highest efficiency.

Most of our people here have small incomes and the struggle to make ends

meet is a very real one to many of them. So, when it was proposed to erect a new church plant adequate within and without, the church said it "couldn't be done." But the pastor had a faithful and harmonious Building Committee back of him. Together they worked for two years perfecting plans and raising funds, and then after seven months of actual construction, the building was dedicated Dec. 6, 1914. It cost including accessories within and without, but not including pipe organ, nearly \$32,000 and is declared by those who know, to be the most economical and efficient plant for its size in the state.

I am Home Mission Chairman for St. Paul Presbytery and Pastor-Counselor for the St. Paul District C. E. Union, and had my first chance to go to the General Assembly last May.

My wife was formerly Frances Adams, a classmate at Alma, and has always been a true helpmate in both the home and the church. We have two children, Dorothy, nearly 12, and Richard, nearly 9 years of age.

Kindly convey our heartiest greetings to all the alumni who know us, and our grateful appreciation to all the faculty who so ably and faithfully taught us.

With sincere good wishes for the Almanian and for the faculty and students of the present, I am

Cordially yours,  
B. SCOTT BATES.

**DAUGHTER OF HARRY  
E. PORTER DIES**

Plans for further preparing herself or her chosen life's work as a teacher, were shattered for Miss Marjorie Cornelia Porter, aged 21, the cultured daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Harry E. Porter, 1007 Lexington avenue, by a serious attack of diabetes at 10 o'clock Thursday night, which resulted in her death at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon. Miss Porter had her trunk packed and planned to leave Saturday for New Concord to resume her studies in Muskingum college. Her father is pastor of the Brighton Presbyterian church.

Miss Porter, a teacher in the city schools, and a graduate of the 1912 class of the Zanesville high school, was a favorite in church and social circles. She was a young woman of high ideals and was active, earnest and studious. After completing her school work here she attended Muskingum college for a time and then returned to her home and became a student teacher in the city schools. Later she was assigned the second grade in the old Center street building and later to the same work in the Hancock school.

She was forced to retire about one year ago because of ill health. Her condition appeared to improve and her recovery was looked for. The fatal attack Thursday night came as a severe shock to her parents, brothers and sisters and to her many friends and her former school pupils. Miss Porter was born in Michigan and had made her home with her parents here for about six years. She was born about the time her father entered the theological school at Cincinnati and since then the family has been located in Beverly for four years and in Parkersburg, W. Va. She was a member of the church of which her father is pastor, and she was always active and eager to assist him in the church and Sunday school work.

Besides her parents Miss Porter is survived by one brother and four sisters: Miss Michal O. Porter, a senior of the high school; Kemper B. Porter, Miss Frances Winifred Porter, Miss Paula Marie Porter, and Miss Helena Virginia Porter, all of the family home.

The funeral will likely be held Monday, and it is thought burial will be made in one of the cemeteries here.

Services at the Brighton church will be conducted at the usual hours Sunday, but Rev. Mr. Porter will be absent for the day.—Zanesville Times.

**NEW LAW FIRM**

E. M. Whitlock, formerly of Detroit, has formed a law partnership with J. Earle Brown, the new firm to be known as Brown & Whitlock.

Mr. Whitlock graduated from Alma college in 1911, after which he was engaged in the baking and newspaper business until the fall of 1912 when he entered the law department of the University of Michigan from which he graduated in 1915. After graduation he was associated with the law firm of Welsh, Crane & Kahn, of Detroit, and subsequently was connected with the legal department of the U. S. Radiator Corporation. Mr. Whitlock formerly resided, and his parents now reside at Caro, Michigan. He was recently married in Detroit and Mrs. Whitlock comes to St. Johns with him. They have taken rooms temporarily at the Mulder home in West Higham street. Mr. Brown will continue his business at Lansing, Mr. Whitlock having practical charge of the business at St. Johns. Miss Hazel B. Bray will for a time remain with the new firm.

An announcement has been received that on January 2, a son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Walter Lyon of St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. Lyon was formerly Miss Violo Weis who taught gymnasium here. Mr. Lyon is a teacher in the Solden high school in St. Louis.

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### JUNIOR PARTY.

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instead of telling tales on Bob showed how he had carried "The Golden Rule in Business" into his whole life and told the many things which he had done so successfully while here. "Tickets" in closing wished Bob all manner of success in his business for the rest of the year but hoped he would surely return to college in September. The remainder of the evening was spent in popping corn, laying plans for the best College Annual ever to be published and in making Bob's last evening this year with us one never to be forgotten.

If you want to know how to have a good time ask the Juniors.

### DE PROJICAL SON

The old fellow who is the originator of the following sermon must be thought of as wearing a long Prince Albert coat about two sizes too large for him, his trousers folding up round his ankles like an accordion his eyebrows long, shaggy and white, his beard short and nappy, what little mustache he has in each corner of his mouth being also white.

After taking off his old beaver hat, which was clean of hair in spots, and displaying a perfectly bald head, with the exception of a little white hair round the edges, he adjusted on his nose a pair of old-fashioned gold square-rimmed eyeglasses; and, snapping his eyes once or twice at his congregation over his eyeglasses, and then once or twice under them, he proceeded to deliver the following sermon.

The old darky could not read, but learned his sermons by hearing some minister deliver them. This is the reason why the old fellow got so mixed up:

Befo' I selexes de tex' to-night, my belubbed brederen, I wants to call yo' detention to de fac' dat de regular choir practice will take place in dis church on Friday night at half pas' seben.

On Monday night dar. will be a meetin' of de deacons. At dis meetin' I wants to have a report from de coal committee. We didn't have no report 'tall from dis committee las' year, an' can't spec' de railroad company in Goldsboro to keep open coal cars on de sidetrack all dis winter like dey did las'. We will now proceed wid de sermon.

In seiexing de tex' to-night, my fellow sufferers, I wants yo' to go 'way back wid me to de time when Chad-rack, Comeback and Lettergo walked through de flaring flames of de firy furnace, when de lions was eas' into Daniel's den, and Jonah swallowed de Prince of Wales; and dar we find de stunnin' words dat "A suttin man had two sons."

Now de youngest son were a very contemptible young man, who were in no wise reposed to do de will of he father; an' he were, darfo', a projical son, an' de las' state of dat man was wuss dan de fust state.

Now de Scriptures tell us dat de young man got tired a-lin' easy, so he call to he pa and say: "Pa, gimme my share of de substum, an' I will tek it an' go 'way into a fur country, an' yo'll see my face no mo'."

Now, I reckon de ole man were tired botherin' wid de projical an' he were willing to let him hoe he own row, caze we read in de Book dat de young man tek his share of de substum and gone into a fur country; an' dar he spen' he substum in riotous extravagance, high libin' an' sin, till bye-mbye he money were all throw away and he were reduced to a great necessity. So great were de needcessity what de young man were reduced to dat he were compel' to hire heself out to a rich man to min' hog.

Now de Scriptures don't says so, but it am supposed dat dis were a very mean white man, caze we read in de Book dat de young man were fain to full his stomach on de rus's where he fed he hog wid. So when he come to heself he say: "De very servant on my Pa's place got bread to eat an' I ain't had none. I's gwine back to do ole man an' ax him to tek me as a hired man on he plantation." So he, tek he pearl rings off he han' an' throw 'em to de hog; an' de hog run at 'em, caze Scriptures tell us: "If you cas' yo' pearl' befo' swine dey'll turn roun' an' ren' you."

Now when de young man were yet a long way off he were overtook by a great deluge of rain, an' it rained forty years and forty mont's.

So great were de deluge dat de young man were overtook by dat he were compel' to buil' heself a boat to keep from gittin' drowned; and after he sail' roun' in he boat for a mont', a a mont' and a half or two mont's, he lit on Mount Ararat, wid de olive branch in he mouth.

Jest as soon as de young man lit on de olive branch, wid Mount Ararat in he mouth' he pa see him comin' an' he run out to meet him! an' he ketch him an' hug him an' throw he han's roun' he neck an' cry: "O Absolum, my son, my son Absolum!" Den he gib him another ring to put on he han', an' a gole stud wid a white shirt in de bosom, an' he call to de hired man an' tell him to kill a fat calf an' mek a great feas'. An' 'cordin' to de way he say so it were done.

After de feas' were all ready de ole man he sen' roun' an' invited all he rich neighbor' an' dey all wid one consent begin to mek excuse. One man say he jest taken in a piece of new groun' an' he ain't got time; another say he jest bought a yoke of oxen an' he got to look after he purchase; an' another man say he jest married a nice young wife an'—an'—an'—he wa'n't hongry.

Well, when de ole man fine out how all he rich neighbor's discount him, he git vex'; an' he call he hired man an' tell him to go out into the highways an' into de byways an' gether all he kin fine, caze de bline kin see, an' de lame kin walk, an' de deaf kin hear, an' my son Absolum what was dead am alive agin.

So de hired man he go an' he gether deaf, an' all de po' people in dat lan'; an' he fotch 'em an' he sit 'em down, an' dey mek a great feas'. An' after dey done eat up everything de fragments what dey gether up fill' seben baskets full an' five small fishes over.

I would like to continue de preachments longer to you dis evenin', my fellow sufferers; but de fac' is dar's a po' cullud 'oman dyin' down de road dar, an' she can't die till I git dar.

So we will now close desuvvices by singin' de sixteent' hymn on de 'eleven' page in de book:

"Come, ye sinners, po' an' needy, weak an' wounded sick an' so'."

Now while de contribution box am bein' circumambulated roun', de choir will please vociferate.—Saturday Evening Post.

### WHAT THE ENGLISH CALL "SCHOOLBOY HOWLERS"

Some wonderful statements are made by students. The following contain "wisdom the weary schoolmen never knew."

Spanish Armada was a great Spanish man. He did not do much exploring but put up his money and told them what to do. He was very smart and you hear very little about him but he was a great man. His expedition was very good and he did some very good work.

An accurate definition had been repeatedly given in class when one boy perpetrated this:

"Rhetoric is the art of writing so that the person to whom you are speaking will know what you mean without seeing it."

A solid is a plane bounded by a curved surface no two points of which lie in the same straight line.

I can't see this Roman history stuff, 500 years before Christ—Gee! how do they know whether a man was born in April or May?

Millenary Petition was a clause in the Petition of Rights and stated that there was to be no millinery shows in times of peace.

At the bottom of his Latin paper Bob wrote "Finis." It was returned heavily blue-penciled with the classic ending changed to read "Tua Finis!"

Herbert, I wish you wouldn't pay so much attention to your neighbor," rebuked the teacher.

"How can I help it when a fellow asks if Shakespeare wrote Ben Hur?"

"Michigan extends from the Gulf of Mexico to Cape Cod. Its principal products are rosewood dyewood, mahogany, and tropical fruit." (Written by a girl who was born in Detroit and had always lived there up to the day she was asked to write a brief account of Michigan.)

"Do you spell business b-i-s or b-u-i-s?" asked a boy anxiously at the close of the examination.

He was given the correct spelling.

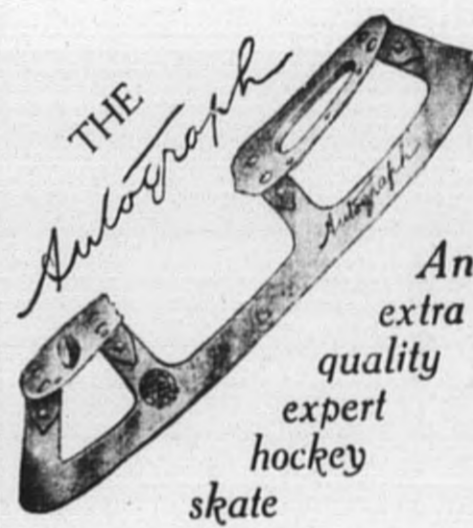
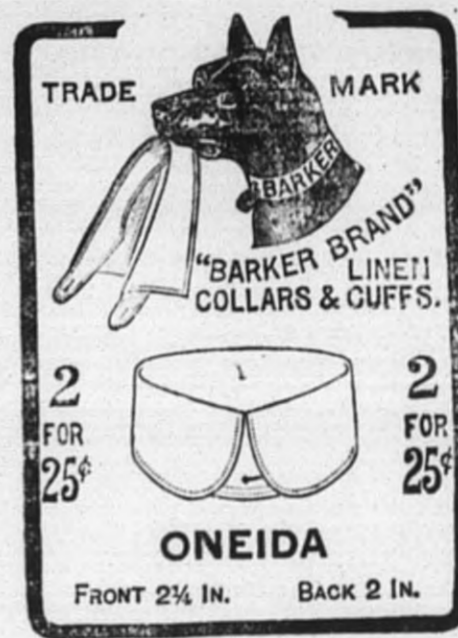
His face lighted as he exclaimed, "Well, they didn't get me on that anyway I didn't get that far."

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