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## SECOND SEMESTER RECEPTION

### Faculty, Students and Friends Meet in Delightful Reception At Wright Hall.

In response to the invitation to meet President and Mrs. H. M. Crooks, a large number of citizens, and friends of Alma College assembled in the spacious reception room of Wright Hall, on Friday evening. This has been the scene of several delightful social functions this season, and Friday evening's affair was quite up to the standard.

A pleasing picture met the eyes of the guests as they entered. Garlands of smilax were draped gracefully about chandeliers and banked above the fire place in which a cheerful wood fire was burning and bowls of yellow daffodils added a suggestion of spring which made a pleasing contrast to the wintry atmosphere without. A soft yellow glow was cast over the scene by candles which were everywhere in evidence.

The guests were greeted by Miss Amaretta DeWitt, and conducted to the smaller reception room at the right by Dr. McCurdy, and Dr. Notestein to meet President and Mrs. Crooks. Assisting in the receiving line were Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Ewing, Miss Waite, and Prof. and Mrs. A. P. Cook. Dean Mitchell and Dr. Randels were not able to be present, and Dr. Bober was also absent. Then every body shook hands with every body else, and smiled and exchanged pleasant conversation.

Refreshments were served in the music room at the left of the entrance. The piano had been removed and a dining table with snowy cloth put in its place. This was also decorated with ropes of smilax, and candles, and a beautiful bowl of daffodils graced the center of the table. Miss Grace Roberts presided at the brass coffee urn which occupied one end of the table and Miss Marquerite Conyne served ice cream from a huge punch bowl at the opposite end. The guests were conducted to the room by Miss Robinson and served by Miss Foote and Miss Hitchcock, assisted by Ellen Doty and Adelaide Ballou.

The orchestra which was partially concealed in the alcove beside the main stairway furnished music during the evening, adding zest to the occasion.

As the hour grew late the guests began taking their departure, carrying with them the memory of a very pleasant evening. During the short time that President Crooks has been with us he has already won the esteem of the towns-people, and good will of the student body, and Mrs. Crooks has proven herself as charming and gracious in her position as he is capable in his. The people of Alma are glad to welcome President and Mrs. Crooks into their midst and with the student body desire to co-operate with him in forwarding the interests of the college.

### ALPHA THETA

Alpha Theta Literary society met as usual Monday night, Feb. 7. Roll call was responded to by the names of modern English authors and a quotation from their works. Impromptu for the evening were "Higher Education by Motor Truck," by Florence Friese and "An International Declaration of Independence" by Gertrude Peters.

An especially well prepared paper on James M. Barries' play, "What Every Woman Knows" was read by Iva Nunn.

An impromptu debate followed which was: Resolved, "That girls going away to school should have social rules." Those on the affirmative side were Pauline Markham, Lillian Des Jardins and Lura Miller; and the negative argument was presented by Bernice Ireland, Edna Ward and Catharine Goodwillie. The judges granted a decision in favor of the negative.

After a short business session the society adjourned.

## CONDITIONS IN PANAMA.

Rev. Elliot opened a series of chapel talks to be given during the coming months with an interesting lecture on "Conditions in Panama." In the few minutes at his disposal he told in an interesting manner about the government and social life of Panama. In part he spoke along the following lines.

The canal zone is a strip of land five miles wide running on each side of the canal from about northwest to nearly southeast across the isthmus. This zone is a "closed shop." By that is meant that no one is allowed in the zone except those on business. One of the most noticeable things in the zone is the fact that the canal has been built almost entirely by young men in spite of the presence of older men as Col. Goethals and Gorgas.

The government of the zone may be said to be divided into three departments. First there is the administrative department which supervises the actual construction of the canal. Col. Goethals is at the head of this division. Many think that Goethals designed the plans for the canal but this is not the fact for in reality he is only the constructor, working with plans previously adopted by Congress. Goethals is a wonderful administrator. Much of his success lies in his ability to handle men. As an example of this he has established a "Kicker's Court" which he holds every Sunday morning at 9 a. m. At this time differences among any of the employees, no matter what their rank, may be adjusted. Also there is the civil department which takes charge of the government of the zone. Well might we call Governor Thatcher, who is at the head of this department, a mayor of a city of thirty-five thousand people. Thatcher is not only an able officer and an efficient administrator but is also a deeply religious man. While he has been in power he has encouraged the Y. M. C. A. and other religious institutions. The courts are also under his rule. Although it is very difficult to successfully administer these courts on account of the conflict between Roman imperialism and English democracy yet he has conducted them in such a way as to bring credit to himself as a Christian man.

In the department of sanitation Col. Gorgas, M. D. is at the head. Rev. Elliot spoke of him as the greatest man on the zone, for to him is due the credit of "cleaning out" the jungle, thereby making the construction of the canal possible. The canal zone is today an example to the world of what may be done along lines of sanitation by a man with great resources at his disposal and with great capacity for his work. Going there Gorgas found water in the mountains. After establishing a filtration plant he piped the water across the entire isthmus so that fresh water is available in any part of the zone. The mosquito, the bearer of yellow-fever has been practically exterminated throughout the zone. Two sanitary hospitals have been founded. All the sick people in the zone are taken to these hospitals as soon as they become ill. The aim of the corps of doctors is to keep the healthy well beside curing the possible cases of disease. Further Dr. Gorgas, believing that higher sanitation means moral and spiritual sanitation has had liquor banished from the zone. Also he has established efficient public schools. At Gatun and Ancon high schools have been built. Y. M. C. A. buildings with modern equipment and churches have been established under his direction. He has done this believing that moral and physical health are one and must go together.

The outside zone or that part of the isthmus outside of the canal zone proper is populated largely by Indians, Spaniards and Negroes. Also there are a few Chinese who are the merchants of the land. Most of the people are degraded. During the long rule of the Catholic church she has done nothing to uplift the moral char-

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## ANNUAL LINCOLN BANQUET

### Phi Phi Alpha Enjoys Delightful Banquet in Wright House February 12.

#### PHI PHI ALPHA BANQUET

In the many banquets given by Phi Phi Alpha during the years since its organization, the annual one of 1916 held Saturday evening at the Wright House surpassed in the perfection of its appointments and the beauty of the details, all those that have preceded. The dining room was decorated in red and black, the colors of the society. Four tall pillars, wound with red and black, in the corners of the room supported a canopy of red and black streamers, which admirably concealed the high ceiling. A string of small lights which were strung along the center of the canopy, represented fruits in different colors. At one end of the room was arranged a Phi Phi Alpha pin, in small red lights against a black background. Below this hung a large Philomathean blanket. At the other end was the Philomathean emblem the Phi in orange against the dark background, and below this the Phi Phi Alpha blanket, suggesting in a delightful manner the cordial relations that exist between the two societies. Pennants fastened on the edges of the canopy led the eye as well as the thot to the large Alma banner that hung just behind the toastmaster. The societies in their different units, large or small, are all one within the prevailing spirit under the loving dominance of Alma college.

The tables were beautifully decorated in white. The white of the linen and the sparkle of the silver made the scene one of splendor. Library lamps placed at intervals gave a soft light and shed glory over many a fair maid and her gown. Huge bunches of red and white carnations were in harmony with programs in red and black and lest any touch should be lacking to make it a feast of color in itself, ferns were scattered about.

The guests gathered for an informal social meeting in the parlors, greeting old friends and meeting new ones. At eighty-thirty the guests went down to the banquet room, announced by the harmonious march music played by the orchestra. When the places had been found, all stood silently with bowed heads while Dr. Notestein asked grace with impressive reverence.

After being seated, a careful study was made of the surroundings and many exclamations were heard on the ingenuity and beauty of the decorations. The following menu was served in a very attractive manner:

Fruit Cocktail  
Salted Nuts Celery Olives  
Tomato Bouillon  
Salted Wafers  
Chicken, a la Maryland  
Small Peas Cranberry Sauce  
Escalloped Potatoes  
Parker House Rolls  
Apple and Celery Salad  
Bisque Ice Cream Cheese Wafers  
Coke

Bonbons Phi Phi Alpha Punch  
Delightful music of a popular nature was furnished during the evening by the orchestra. Telegrams of greeting were read from Ralph Chisolm, Arden Johnson, and three loyal Phis from the East, signed, Chis, Von, Bril.

Isadore Friedman the president of Phi Phi Alpha acted as toastmaster in a very pleasing manner, appearing to be perfectly at ease throughout the evening. "Issy" appeared to have become by some marvel of imagination, so well informed on the past life of the speakers that more than one remarked at his awe-inspiring knowledge. Speaking briefly, he talked on the occasion, saying they had met together to commemorate the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, the patron of the society, whose ideals they had sought

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## INTERESTING PRAYER MEETING WEDNESDAY EVE FEB. 9

A very interesting prayer meeting was held by Miss Lillian Des Jardins, whose topic was "Missions." The Scripture passage was: Matt. 25:31-45.

To know Christ even a little and to love much through Him! This is life best of all. The "Inasmuch" passage has an infinite solemnity. In it Our Beloved weighs out for us things according to their true value and He is judge. What He says will be. It would seem as if in the final analysis of real values, the test will be something in the nature of self judgment, the practical proof of our power or our powerlessness to love our fellowmen, the limit of our love to our immediate circle, the stretch of our love in breadth, height and depth, on and on until we know something practical of the love of God which passeth knowledge; until we can and do love the furthest of these our brothers.

There is one more phase of this gauge of things spiritual, namely to know Christ, the Way, and to have the power to recognize in the last and least of them—for so we did it, or so we did it not unto the person of Christ himself.

We long to see a face appear above the altar but His presence is not in the face there, it is here, in the welcome we give the strangers whom we meet. Had we seen the face we still might have doubted but in the living presence of God's Incarnate Love Life, we are utterly convinced. "I was a stranger and ye took me in." It is bound up with the very idea of the incarnation. It is in line with what Thomas Kempic said, "Seek Jesus in all things and in all things shalt thou find Him."

Dr. Huntington, former rector of Grace church, New York says, "At our end of the line the soul, at the other end God and the things of God. Religion means the bringing into right relation these two. "It is a good general definition of religion but as a definition of the religion of Jesus it lacks three vital factors. First, "it lacks the splendor of the Great Adventure of God's love and man's response. Secondly, it leaves out the indispensable element — my neighbors and thirdly, it says nothing of "The Way." In faith there are three lines. At one end God, at another our souls, and at the third our neighbor, and at the crossroad glows the light of the ever abiding presence of Jesus," the great love way.

To know Christ and to love much. Can our love reach to our next door neighbor? Can it reach to the foreign family around the corner? Is it for our social equals, or does it include by any chance that particular person whose very presence irritates us—our rival, our enemy, or even the Chinese Coolie shuffling in his vermin and misery across the hospital floor?

Do we by any chance really know the living Christ? I do not mean about Him, but Himself, whose life may be in every man or woman we have ever seen or even yet shall see. Suppose that someone could show Him to us here in this very room, would we know Him? If not, we had better beware of the littleness of love. We are building our spiritual mansions upon shifting sand bars. Shall Christ one day say to us, "Go Ye Cursed," because you could not love your neighbors. Or shall He say, "Come Ye beloved of my Father."

**Do You Feel Jubilant?**  
Anniversary Celebration  
MARCH 3  
Fiftieth Birthday  
of the  
Young Women's  
Christian Association

## MAROON AND CREAM VICTORS

### Maroon and Cream Won Second Inter-Collegiate Game—Friday Night on Home Floor.

On Friday night Alma won her second contest in the Inter-collegiate by defeating the fast Hillsdale quintet by a score of 35 to 29. The game, tho somewhat rough at first, was the fastest contest seen on the local floor this year.

Hillsdale, who were contenders for the state championship, had a large and very fast team and after they settled down to playing basketball put up a very good exhibition of the indoor sport. Pullen was the star of the Blue and White combination but the work of Roberts at guard was of exceptional quality.

For the locals Richards was the point maker from the field ringing in three field goals in each period. Spinney made an exceptional record with his free throws, getting 15 out of his 18 chances. French at center and Jessup at running guard also figured in the scoring and the defensive work of Melvin, kept the Hillsdale score within bounds. The passing of the Maroon and Cream aggregation was above reproach and in the last period completely dazzled the visitors who were repeatedly fouled for holding.

Alma now has won two games and lost one in the Inter-collegiate and have two more to play, Albion and Adrian at those colleges.

On Friday night Alma will meet the fast Tri-State College team of Angola, Ind. A good game is assured.

#### Lineup and summary:

Alma—	—Hillsdale
Richards ..... R. F. ....	Pullen
Spinney ..... L. F. ....	Miller
French ..... G. ....	Robert
Melvin ..... R. G. ....	Buchert,
Jessup ..... L. ....	Marks

Field goals, Alma—Richards 6, French 3, Jessup 1. Hillsdale— Pullen 6, Tarbell 2, Miller 1.  
Free throws, Alma—Spinney 15 in 18. Hillsdale—Miller 11 in 16.  
Referee—Nevitt, Mt. Pleasant.  
Score first half, Alma 11; Hillsdale 7.

## HOPE COLLEGE DEFEATS ALMA

Alma's reconstructed basketball team lost a hotly contested game to the Hope college warriors on Thursday night by the score of 34 to 27.

Alma assumed the lead early in the contest and held it throughout the first half but the accuracy of the Hollanders in the second half and their close guarding proved too much for our lead.

Von Putten was the point maker for the visitors, scoring 8 times from the field, besides throwing 8 free throws from his 12 trials.

Spinney for Alma registered 5 field baskets and added 7 points from the foul line.

The game was very fast and clean and good basketball was at all times in evidence. French at the center position was a defensive giant besides scoring twice with pretty field goals in the first half. Richards was at the forward position and rang up 3 goals in the game.

Alma guards held their men well and by their consistent work held the visitors to very few open shots.

#### Lineup:

Alma—	—Hope
Richards ..... R. F. ....	P. Prins,
Spinney ..... L. F. ....	Von Putten
French ..... C. ....	Von Tongerin
Melvin ..... R. G. ....	Veenker
Jessup ..... L. G. ....	T. Prins Vos

Field goals—Spinney 5, Richards 3, French 2. Von Putten 8, Veenker 4, T. Prins 1.  
Referee—Goodrich.  
Fouls—Von Putten 8 in 12. Spinney 7 in 11.

Miss Ruth Stacy who has been absent from college the past two weeks returned to Alma, Friday.

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AN INTERESTING FACT

In a personal conversation with Rev. Elliot after his interesting address in chapel last Thursday, he mentioned a fact about the canal zone that seems to be of particular interest and perhaps of even greater importance than anything mentioned in his address in chapel.

Rev. Elliot said that one of the most important things about the zone is the fact that across the entire isthmus is a strip of land ten miles wide in which Christianity is dominant in which the entire populace is governed by men of enlightened morality. Long has he maintained that from a civilizing and religious standpoint this is one of the most significant facts about the zone. Across the isthmus dominated by Catholicism and heathenism stretches a strip of enlightened territory. From this center as a radiating focus can spread the Gospel of Christianity and the influence of modern civilization. From this standpoint the canal zone can not but exert a beneficial influence over the countries of Central and South America. As nearly always we think of a great engineering and commercial enterprise in connection with the canal zone, this phase leads a new interest in this territory.

COLLEGE PROFESSORS  
AND POLITICS

In the closing session of the Association of American colleges held recently in Chicago one of the educators present spoke as follows. "The reason why college professors ought not to take sides in political controversies is not because it is dangerous, but because it destroys the scientific and impartial attitude of mind which is essential to the best teaching."

In the first place we wonder if many college professors do indulge in heated political controversies, especially to the extent implied in the statement just quoted. But granted they do, we submit the question whether it is usually detrimental to the best teaching or not. Of course if an educator wishes to enter politics actively, by that we mean run for some important office surely he should leave the teaching profession at least temporarily. The usual college professor has about all he can do with his regular work and this keeps him from entering very actively into political life. To do justice to his chosen profession he must of course give the majority of his time to it. But we are considering only the case of a man who takes an active interest in electing a candidate or supporting a special reform measure. Aside from the main question we would say here that undoubtedly politics would profit by the participation of men with trained minds and a knowledge of the facts of history, and the principles of political science. But returning to the main question we would say in the first place that college is primarily a training school for man or woman who are supposed to take up the obligations of later life. To this end he studies history, science and literature that judging from the past he may understand and appreciate the movements of present day world forces and to train his mind in the pursuit of purely cultural and disciplinary subjects that he may become a leader when the time comes. But in his college work he learns not from books alone but perhaps even more from contact with people and things. Especially in a small college are the thoughts, sympathies and affections of the professors inculcated into the life of the student body. We learn not from books and lifeless, thoughtless, emotionless automatons but rather from text into which professors animated with great thoughts,

great sympathies and great affections lead us. We learn to interpret things somewhat thru contact with these men and women thru their likes and dislikes. If they have touched elbows with the political world and even become somewhat biased along certain lines will it decrease their true teaching ability. We believe not for in reality it will bring us nearer to the forces of the actual world will educate us in the thought and feeling of the time and will not lessen their power of clear logical thought. Indeed if it does maybe it would be well for them to stay in politics.

Because a man's fundamental power of clear thinking is not affected by his participation in politics, because he can bring to his classes an intimate knowledge of the actual world and because a college is not a hot house bed for pure intellectual growth but rather a training school for actual life we submit the statement that reasonable participation in political controversies is not detrimental to a man's teaching ability.

THE EVOLUTION OF  
THE RAH! RAH!

Far back in the dim old biblical times, Joshua discovered the potency of concerted lung effort by his warriors. He is the ancestor of the modern yell leader and his men are the first rooters recorded in history.

Joshua was a successful warrior in time and when he led his army against the city of Jericho he was very much perturbed to find the walls of his enemy obdurate to all of his military maneuvers. To him, on the spot, was born the idea which was to become a potent factor in the strife of hosts to this day.

He ordered his men to parade around the city. When they had made the trip seven times the priests blew their trumpets and Joshua said to his army: "Shout for the Lord has given you the city." The Israelites did their best, which was sufficient. The walls of the proud city of Jericho trembled and crashed to the ground and Joshua's men rushed in to capture the city.

Gideon won his greatest victory by organized yelling. The Israelites were in a bad predicament. They had about 300 men facing enemies "who were like grasshoppers for multitude." Gideon armed his soldiers with trumpets and empty pitchers and then surrounded the opposing hosts.

When all was ready, he gave the signal and the children of Israel blew their trumpets, broke their pitchers and shouted, "the sword of the Lord and of Gideon." This made such a racket that the "children of the east, thinking the whole world was against them, ran, and cried and fled."

The only organized rooting done by the Greeks was in their epic poems. In the works of Homer and his associate bards the sons of Hellas sang the deeds of their heroes.

The American Indian whooped and yelled upon all occasions. He had a war whoop, a hunting whoop, a death whoop and all manner of whoops. The native American had a very commendable type of rooting and has been copied by the colleges of today. California has an Indian song and has this year been using the original war whoop as the varsity kicks off in a football game.

To the Indians may be given the credit of holding the first rallies. Assembling around their camp fires on the eve of a big battle they were accustomed to try out their yells, beat drums and serpentine around the camp fire.

The national love of organization, which has made American elections mere political machines and has marked the growth of the largest corporation in the world, was the chief cause of the universal spread of collegiate unison rooting. Keeping pace with the increasing complexity of the instruments of industry, modern rooting has become more and more devious and varied.

None of the European universities have any parallel to our system of organized rooting. The German and

Englishman points to the practice in America as an evidence of incomplete civilization along with chewing gum and the use of the toothpick in public. The Frenchman waves his arms and wonders how one can express his natural emotions in such a machine-like fashion.—Daily Californian.

A QUESTION FOR DEBATE

Should students who make the debating teams be given college credit for their work?

This question is being discussed by faculty and students. There is no subject in the college curriculum that is entered into with the intensity that is exhibited in connection with debating. The clash of argument is enjoyed and it is the ambition of the debater to be able to defend himself. A student, who is studying a question, studies it during every spare moment of the day. It is his last thot at night and comes first to his mind in the morning. He literally lives with the question.

In preparing, he studies the question and outlines the main points; this must be original work. He then obtains his material and organizes it. His success as a debater will be determined by his ability to organize, his ability to think and his efficiency as a speaker. Naturally the man who secures a place on the debating team must be efficient in these lines.

The experience gained by work in debating cannot be estimated. The alumnus will put into practice the ideas gained here long after he has forgotten the principal parts of a German verb or how to extract the cube root of a number.

Why not give credit for work that is of so much value? Some say because the student gets honor and that is enough, and besides he enjoys it. All the more reason for granting the credit, for a student will certainly get more out of a course that he enjoys than one he detests.

The idea, that sugar-coated pills are no good, is gradually dying out and we are glad of it but it seems to die hard in certain instances.

Credit should be given where credit is due and if honor and enjoyment go with it so much the better. Success and happiness should go hand in hand.

Y. W. C. A.

Miss Adelaide Ballou led a most interesting meeting last Sunday. Her subject was "Women Working Together" and a very suggestive and good poster heralded her talk. She told of the work the women of olden times. She applied very strongly the parable of the talents to our lives, and asked "Are we making the most of our talents?" Miss Rowena Rose and Miss Christy Bromley gave most delightful and instructive talks on the two foremost women of Y. W. Miss Vernie Green's solo added much to the program. Conference and Lake Geneva were spoken of briefly and also how to raise money for Conference. A number of plans were talked over and a couple selected

Professor Mitchell. (In Freshman History) What are some of the things you think of in connection with Henry the Eighth of England?

Miss Howe: His divorces.  
Professor Mitchell: Very good, Miss Howe, Divorces from whom?  
Miss Howe: His wives.

Wanted a Diagram.

"That young wife was evidently buying her first turkey." "She was," said the dealer, "and she was greatly surprised that no book of instructions went with it."—Louisville Courier Journal.

Y. W. C. A.

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## Alumni Round Table

Where we are and what we are doing

The following excerpts are taken from "The Lincoln Parish" of which P. J. Allured, '07, is treasurer.

Resident No. 4, for Mr. and Mrs. Allured, is now under construction. Like in the old pioneer days of America, the beams, windows, doors and flooring are all hewed or sawed and finished on the place and of course are all done by hand. The contractor was delighted to be given the use of a carpenter's level and a mason's shovel. He has twenty six men on the job and promises to have it completed in four month's time. The wages of a skilled mason or carpenter here is less than 15 cents (U.S.) a day. Hence, even though the work of one man is less than half of what a man at home would do, we can not complain at all for not getting our money's worth. The labor amounts to less than one-fifth of the total cost of the house.

Linchow, Kwangtung, China.

The Kindergarten in Linchow City. I wish I could picture to you the Kindergarten as it was the first few days of opening last April, and contrast it with the present time. About a dozen children were enrolled. Most of them had never heard an organ or singing, knew absolutely nothing about law or order, or playing games. They had never had a ball in their hands. They didn't know what to do when we gave them balls to play with. They had never before seen blocks. What were they to do with all those square things? They had never tried to cut paper even, and their poor little hands were most awkward in their first attempts. They had not as much of an idea what to do with colored crayons as a two year old American baby would have. They were most ludicrous in the games, especially, in their attempts to skip, and to add to all the confusion there were about fifty women and girls crowding around them, advising, talking and wondering what the children were to do next. The only thing that seemed familiar to them all was the short period given to teaching Chinese characters. It really looked almost hopeless to try to do anything, especially with such a crowd around, but still we knew it was best to allow the mothers and visitors to look on, though they were harder to manage than the children.

But now it is joy to me to visit the Kindergarten, and see those same children. They put their whole hearts into the singing, and most of them sing in tune. They are all enthusiastic about the games, and though some of them are still very funny when they skip, there are no other games so popular. They are full of ideas for building when they have the blocks. The skill with which they do the various forms of work is truly remarkable when compared with their awkwardness in the first weeks. There are not so many visitors now, and those who do come are less curious, and most interested in seeing what the children are accomplishing. The same ones often come day after day.

One child, "Little Sister" is the only name she knows, had come with an older sister every day for weeks, but for some reason her parents didn't allow her to enter the class. She knew all the songs and games and could hardly keep from taking part. Then one day they said she might join the class. She smiled the whole two hours and took her part in the games as if she had been doing it all along, but the most interesting was the eagerness with which she went at the table work. Her hands were untrained and awkward, but what a look of triumph came over her face when at last she succeeded in doing as the other children were.

Two of the boys Wing Man (Glorious and Clever) and Wing Kwok (Glorious Country) come from a wealthy family. A little slave girl brings them every day and is read to wait on them the whole time. During their first few weeks it was almost impossible to keep her from doing their work for them, for it was contrary to all custom that wealthy boys who had some one to wait on them should be required to do one thing for themselves. When one of them wants a drink of tea he merely motions to her, and she gets it

holding the cup while he drinks. They have never before had to obey, and Wing Kwok, the more impulsive of the two, finds it rather hard to fall in line, awaiting his turn, instead of being the most important member of the group as he always has been at home.

Saturday afternoons, at the time of the Women's Meeting we have a children's meeting for all children who come, using the regular Sunday school leaflets, for a few of these children attend the Sunday services. It is rather hard to teach the children who come irregularly but the Kindergarten children, nearly all of whom come from heathen homes, are fast learning some of the gospel truths, which we hope may not only bear fruit in their own lives, but when told at home may lead their parents to want to learn the true doctrine.—Helen Allured

The Almanian a few weeks ago published a letter from William J. Sutherland, telling of some of his experiences in China. In this letter, he merely mentions the anti-foreign mob that tried to take his life. In a personal letter to Norman H. Angell of Baltimore, Maryland, Sutherland also writes of this mob and of the Chinese boy that finally saved his life.

He is anxious now to have this boy come to this country and finish his medical education. It might be some former Alma student can help in this.

A part of Mr. Sutherland's letter is as follows:

"Am up in the mountains as you see. Was very weak and had to be taken away. I can't tell you of all my troubles. It was an anti-foreign mob, and I suffered a little less than Americans do in Mexico, but one fellow finally got me out and as a result he was bound for three days and beaten. Poor boy, he is still true to me and escaped his pursuers. We have him in hiding, but if he were detected he would be killed. He was the only one to do anything when I was caught. Every other one turned away or joined the mob. This poor fellow is the only one who sees better things, and I do want to help him. I wish you could help me. Can't you find someone who would like to help educate this fellow as a doctor? He is now 19 years old, would need two more years in school here, then enter college or university in America. He is very bright, also has a true sense of value and is a fellow worth while. Norman, do try to find some one for me. This boy has saved my life at the expense of so much torture. I must do something for him."

In the same letter, Sutherland mentions an experience he had on a walk. He says: "About a week ago, I was for a short walk in the country. I ran into a crowd of strange looking people. Upon closer examination, I found them to be lepers, turned out to die. More than two hundred of them in all stages. Never before have I seen such sights. That awful picture will linger in my mind as long as I have a mind. In the city I stayed in last year alone there were five or six hundred lepers. The butcher second door from my house has an advanced form of it, but still continues to handle meat. These people know nothing of how diseases are carried and think the gods are angry, so send the disease."

Our Henry Ford was troubled much, by news from o'er the sea, The thousands crippled there by war, is not as it should be, And so he put a starter on a very peaceful plan To go and end the dreadful war, so terrible to man.

Here in our land, the home of Ford, are many to be seen Who broke an arm in vain attempt to crank a Ford machine. And so we think the better plan than Henry's trip to Rome, Would be to put a starter on his name sake here at home.

(Contributed.)

Miss Hazel Du Long of Bay City was the guest of Helen Baker over the week end.

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### ANNUAL LINCOLN BANQUET

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to make their ideals and whose memory they revere.

Myrddyn Davies, the first speaker, spoke earnestly of the future of Phi Phi Alpha, of its aims and ideals and how those are overshadowed by the ideals of Alma College. "Things Ahead," as a vision a prophesy, may well be remembered.

"The Ladies," were honored in the toast given by Robert Notestein. Overcoming by sincerity, and dignity, the hilarity caused by the toastmaster's introduction, he spoke of the guests as friends and comrades, placed on a plane of equality, honoring them thus because they were worthy of it. It was an expression of appreciation, not marred by any attempt at flattery.

Miss DeWitt, speaking for Philomathean told of the events of the last year extolling in clever verse the merits of the Phi's old members or newly acquired. Each was given his share of praise. She spoke in praise of them as trying to bear in mind the merits and glory of Lincoln, but her own words are more expressive.

"The patron you have chosen is one we honor all, a man who did his duty and answered the people's call. How humble yet how hopeful, in Fortune, good or ill.

He went forth in his destined work to do the Master's will.

Words of mercy were on his lips, forgiveness in his heart and on his pen. He did his duty as he saw it. He had thoughts of good will toward all men.

And when the hour of darkness came, his very words we know, "I oft" was driven to my knees, for I had no where else to go."

To choose him your guardian and patron as you meet here again and again

Is the highest of tribute to you, And an honor to this man among men."

"Things Worth While," was the subject Ray Cheney had chosen to discuss. He spoke of tact and sympathy, giving as his definition of tact, an exposition of it, in a broad phase. "Tact is the ability to say anything, do anything and back it up by an honest belief in it." In a few words it was to possess "sympathetic sincerity."

Mr. H. C. Moore as a "Bystander" but not an outsider, talked of the intimate relations that existed between "The Town and the Gown" and showed how the college and the town should aid each other, appreciate each other and work for each other, as in this way they would aid themselves. Either would be less worthy and less powerful, if it were not for the other.

The representative of Phi Alpha Pi of Olivet, an affiliated society of Phi Phi Alpha, came to deliver his words of greeting. Mr. Selkirk told of the benefits of affiliation, of the regard of Olivet for Alma and the good fellowship that existed between the colleges.

"The Lincoln Toast" was given by President Crooks. In his own delightful manner he told of Lincoln as a man of honesty, of humor and of sympathy, showing how each and all of these attributes made Lincoln not only an American but a world hero.

Maurice Cole told of his "Memories" as a Phi Phi Alpha man and the pleasures and benefits that Phi Phi Alpha had given generously, not only to him but to all its members and friends.

In closing, all present stood and drank to "Alma, the Best College." Alma is a college which each of us are proud to claim and Phi Phi Alpha is glad to claim her as Alma Mater, "the Beloved."

The banquet leaves not only memories but memories that each year grow dearer, more sacred and are never allowed to die. The pleasures of this world are largely in memory and the memory of the Phi Phi Alpha banquet of 1916 is a pleasure that will continually increase.

### WRIGHT HALL NEWS

Miss Bess Young of Gagetown was the guest of Adelaide Ballou Saturday.

Miss Louise Beck is receiving a visit from her mother of Detroit.

Miss Otha McCracken spent the week end in Breckenridge.

Miss Wilhelmine Ritter was an over Sunday guest of Auda Gill who is teaching in the country.

Lucile McQuade entertained Merle Seaver, '13 of Pompeii this last week.

Martha Volz received a visit from her sister, Freda this week.

### "FONS BANDUSIA."

(An ode of Horace translated into modern students' language)

O Fountain of Bandusia, thy crystal waters clear

Are worthy of a sacrifice of unmixed lager beer,

And garlands too of sweet sun-flowers upon thy surface float,

The morrow morn it pleases me to give to you your goat,

A fat young kid with budding crown where tender horns proclaim

His worth in battle and as well his charming beauty; vain,

For he is destined thy cool stream with red blood to pollute,

This scion of a sportive race, this high-lived young galoot.

The blazing dog days are forbid thy cooling shade to touch,

To plow-share-tired oxen thou do'st offer comfort much,

And wandering cattle, to, come oft and drink to beat the Dutch.

Thou shalt be famous, this I know, as many a Grecian fount,

Because that I with mighty pen thy virtues do recount,

And sing the oak that perches on the worn rocks curving crown,

Whence leaps thy pretty prattling stream with sunny wavelets down.

F. E. B.

### CONDITIONS IN PANAMA

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acter of the common people. Drunkenness and gambling abound.

Rev. Elliot also stated that gardens were very poor in the zone. Although the land is exceedingly fertile yet it is practically impossible to raise vegetables on account of the pests that attack the plant life. Hay and grain have to be shipped in. Milk sells for one dollar a gallon. In fact the majority of food products have to be imported from the north.

Although Rev. Elliot was unable to use a great amount of time yet he succeeded in giving the faculty and student body a clearer understanding of the life and government of the canal zone.

### ZETA SIGMA

Zeta Sigma held its regular meeting Monday evening. Carleton Spooner was initiated into the society. A. J. MacIntyre was elected First Critic and Mark Spinney was elected Second Critic.

The society then turned to its regular work. A program of unusual merit was given.

Impromptus were responded to as follows:

"Fellowships and the Small College." (By George B. Randels of Alma College) Malcolm Smith.

"Typhus in Mexico"—Tad Brewbaker.

"Opposition to Wilson"—Clinton Seeley.

Silver Tongued Warner read an interesting paper on "Modern Advertising."

William Murphy gave a very pleasing interpretation of the Grand Opera "La Boheme" as played by the Boston Grand Opera company. Mr. Murphy played two selections from the opera on the Victrola. The selections being: "Racconto di Rodolfo" by Martinelli, and "Mi Chimano Mimi" by Alice Neilson.

George Harrington was there with an original hunting story.

### PHI PHI ALPHA

The program of the regular meeting of the society on Feb. 7, consisted of a debate upon the question chosen for the intercollegiate debates. The affirmative side was supported by Schermerhorn, Case and Sanchez, and the negative was upheld by Burch Fulcher and Kennedy. The decision of the judges was two to one in favor of the negative.

Following the debate a few suggestions were given by Prof. Hedges, and then we heard a few words from Mosely.

### PHILOMATHEAN

Current topics were considered by the society Monday evening. Roll call was responded to by a fact about Emperor William of Germany. We are apt to forget the man in the monarch as he is before the public today, and many interesting things about the private life of the Kaiser were brought to our notice.

Two impromptus were given: "Nicholas II Prepares for a Long War," responded to by Merle McKay. "Our Immigration Problem after the War," responded to by Ellen Doty.

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