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CELEBRATE JUBILEE WEEK

Y. W. C. A. Commemorates Fiftieth Anniversary This Week.

During the past weeks the word "Jubilee" has appeared often on these pages in connection with Y. W. C. A. To those who are not in Y. W. C. A. and consequently not in the secret, I'm going to tell now, what its all about. Its our birthday. We are fifty years old this year.

As the Young Women's Christian Association comes to the close of its first half century of life in this country it is pausing for a space before pressing on into years ahead, that it may hallow the fiftieth year, giving thanks for the blessings of the past, seeking guidance for the days to come. Through the month of February, in every part of the United States those who belong to the associations in the cities, in the country, in the colleges will be thinking together on what we are, whence we come; what we have done, and what we are to do.

Preparations for this Jubilee were begun as much as a year ago, and in November a Jubilee conference was held in Chicago, the purpose of which was to make plans for an appropriate celebration of our anniversary. The spirit of this gathering, as well as the plans which were drawn up, was brought back to us by Miss Waite, who represented the Alma association. Truly she has been the leaven where by the whole was leavened, and preparation for Jubilee in the hands of a competent chairman, Miss Edna Ward, has resulted in an increased knowledge of the work of the association, a greater appreciation of its worth, and a desire to do better work in the future.

One of the most enjoyable features of the Jubilee was an "at home" given by the members to the girls of the college, and friends in the reception room of Wright Hall, on Feb. 10. Then it would seem as if the very height of Jubilee was reached at the members banquet last Saturday night, where covers were laid for eighty, including several former members of our association, and faculty. Here again by the toasts, the history of Y. W. C. A. and the extent of its work was impressed upon us anew. Then interesting talks at the Sunday afternoon meetings and attractive posters have added to the interest of the Jubilee.

But old things are yet to come. On Wednesday evening we will have a special service at the Y. W. C. A. church, and in March, on the anniversary day, some special speakers will deliver addresses. It was hoped that Mrs. ... would give an address last night, but she has been ...

... the Young Women's Christian Association ... It was born of a need, and because it has fulfilled the need, and the ever-increasing demands upon it, it has continued to prosper. To discover the real beginning of the movement we must go back farther than fifty years. It was in 1855, that a group of women in England among whom were Francis Reale, Havergal and Mrs. Horatio Bonar, organized a band to pray for young women and in the same year Mrs. Arthur Kinnard took over the

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETS

On Friday evening, Feb. 19, the Alma Alumni Association of the Northwest held their annual banquet at the ... in Chicago. At ... and former ... and the tables ... menu served which surpassed the anticipation of all. During this time many pleasurable friendships were renewed among former students who had not seen each other since leaving college.

The meeting of Dr. Crooks and the message he brought to us was considered by all an extreme pleasure and favor. His frank manner of outlining the needs of the college and his plans for overcoming those needs brought all to realize that the destiny of Alma was placed in the right hands and that with the hearty support of students and former students the future of Alma is great.

Regrets were expressed on all sides that Prof. Mitchell was unable to be present. It was the census of opinion that having the mumps and grip were rather foolish tricks for a man of his wisdom. No doubt he heartily agrees with this opinion.

A short business session was held and it was decided to have informal get-together dinners at least semi-annually besides the regular annual banquet. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President—Geo. A. Hill.
Vice President—Rev. David Martin.
Secretary and Treasurer—C. A. Monteith.

This closed one of the most enjoyable evenings in the memory of the members of the Alumni Association of the Northwest.

PHI PHI ALPHA

The program for the regular meeting of the society for February, 21st was postponed on account of initiation. Morton G. Ault and Emerson Ardis were taken into the society.

ORATORICAL PRIZE WINNERS



MISS BERNICE IRELAND
"Human Complements"



LESTER C. DOERR
"The Universal Conflict"

ZETA SIGMA STAG BANQUET

Members of Zeta Sigma and Alumni Meet at Delightful Occasion Saturday Eve.

One of the big events of the year for Zeta Sigma, the annual Washington's birthday stag banquet, was held Saturday evening at the Wright House. Not as many of the old boys were present as we wished but the present generation was there in full force. The entire company was in the most jovial of moods so we couldn't help but have a good time. This year's banquet was as good as last year's which was called one of the best in the history of the society.

New Banner on Display.
The large and beautiful Zeta Sigma banner, presented to the society by the men of '16, was on display for the first time at a social function. It looked mighty fine and aided greatly in enlivening the appearance of the room. Otherwise the decorations were very plain. It was a real stag affair.

Orchestra Furnishes Music.
Medler's orchestra furnished the music and if rousing applause is the sign of appreciation, we enjoyed it. The festivities began as the music struck up and the company marched in to their places.

While we dined the strains of popular music filled the room. We often joined in and sang the chorus which seemed to fill us all with the spirit of good fellowship. The service was excellent and the following menus was most daintily prepared:

- Chicken Broth, with Rice
- Olives Pickles Wafers
- Chicken, a la Maryland
- Riced Potatoes and Gravy
- Creamed Peas White Bread
- Boston Brown Bread
- Cabbage and Nut Salad
- Apple Pie, a la Mode
- Coffee Punch

A good dinner sharpens the wit, so the wit was sharp.

"Jimmie" Mitchell as toastmaster was at his best. In his opening remarks he spoke of patriotism and the glories of our forefathers. We may be out classed in some things by other countries but in government and liberty no one can outclass the United States of America. Prof. Mitchell favors having the banquet on Washington's birthday instead of the following Saturday. Each speaker was cleverly introduced by the toastmaster.

"Matty" McIntyre, '16 was the first to speak. He extended a Welcome to the alumni and invited guests. "Matty" responded to the toast "Pleasure and Remorse." He said, "It is hard to draw the dividing line between pleasure and remorse. We are sad when we think of losing characters that can never be replaced but we take great pleasure in the possibilities of the new blood."

"Brud" Hyde, '17 in his toast "George Washington," paid great tribute to the "Father of our Country." He proposed a toast to "the best country in the world—the United States; the best college in the land—Alma; and the best society in college, Zeta Sigma."

"Stub" Warner in the toast, "Why We're here" said "a freshman often judges a college by its athletics, and its fellows, little caring for its knowledge; for, haven't they just graduated from high school and know it all? They soon find that they are still green, they are humbled in his Royal Presence and grow up into lives of usefulness."

The Zeta Sigma quartette sang a selection and an encore. The consensus of opinion gives an unanimous verdict of—good stuff.

Lloyd Reilly, Olivet, '16, responded to the toast, "Affiliations." Mr. Reilly, from the name is Irish so nothing need be said of his wit. He represented the Adelphics of Olivet which society is affiliated with Zeta Sigma. Mr. Reilly said, "He had

DUNHAM SPEAKER AT BANQUET

Attorney John M. Dunham, formerly of Alma and now a successful member of the firm of Dunham & Dunham at Grand Rapids, was one of the chief speakers at the Lincoln club banquet recently given in that city.

The former Alma college man, who has been in that city only a little over two years, is president of the Young Men's Republican Club of Kent county, and it fell to him to make the address of Welcome to the banqueters. Hon. William Alden Smith, Michigan's favored son for the presidency was toastmaster. Among the prominent speakers were Hon. Nelson O'Shaughnessy, former Ambassador (ad interim) to Mexico; Hon. A. B. Fall, U. S. senator from New Mexico; Hon. A. O. Eberhardt, former governor of Minnesota; and Hon. S. D. Fess of Ohio, member of the House of Representatives and president of Antioch college, Ohio.

NORMALS TRIM ALMA

In what may be the last basketball game of the season, the Alma college basketball team went down to defeat at the hands of Coach Helmer's speedy Mt. Pleasant Normal aggregation last Friday night by a score 41 to 13.

The team, which Coach Helmer placed on the floor last Friday night was one of the strongest that he has had this season, every man on his first team being in the game, and in the best of shape, as Helmer had been grooming his crew for this game. In this Helmer brought out another of his human traits, his desire to drub the teams from the college, from which he graduated, and for which he used to star in athletics. Its a natural desire of course, and Helmer can not be blamed for wanting his team to be at its best, or for having it at its best.

Being at the ... lanky center, one Mr. Mains having his eye right on the center of the basket, Alma had no chance. Mains reaches into the air so far, that the small Alma guards were unable to keep him from pegging in at the basket, as no step-ladders were within reach, and such being the case, the Normals scored again and again. At times also "Billy" Ellsworth located the basket, as a "Whats the matter with Ellsworth attested."

The Normal guards entered into the spirit of the thing to, and Alma's forwards could count by little, try as they might. Spinney, Richards and French, the Alma center, cavorted around under the basket time and again, but it was seldom that any one of the three could slip far enough from the guards to take a shot at the basket, and then the shots had to be taken hastily or the guard was on them again.

Every man on the Alma team played a corking good game, during the entire contest. The guards, Jessup and Johnston held the Mt. Pleasant forwards down in fine shape, in spite of the fact that they are among the fastest forwards on the college teams of the state.

For the defeat, if blame is to be placed, just chalk it up against Helmer, who saw to it that his men were in the best possible shape to trim his old school, and to Mains that human beanstalk, whom no guard this year has been able to hold down.

Two basketball games were scheduled for this week with Albion and Adrian, but Albion has cancelled her struggle with Alma, and as a result the Adrian game probably will not be played. Adrian however, if she does want to play Alma can qualify for the championship, under the five game series and will be the only one of the M. I. A. A. colleges which can, and hence the only one which can hold the championship, unless a meeting of the directors is called, and the five game clause changed.

H. DUNHAM

VOCATION WEEK OBSERVED

Dr. Hickok of Washington, D. C. Conducts Profitable Service During Last Week.

How seldom do we stand still and take an inventory of the things we have done, and the things we hope to do. Rather, vaguely in our mind there is present a hope that in some glorious future day, we shall accomplish a wonderful task that perhaps will make us great. Then will we have time to do big things.

But the students of Alma college have had the wonderful privilege of halting in the midst of their busy life, and taking an inventory of their aims and purposes, under the guidance of the Reverend Paul Hickok, who came to us from Washington, D. C. His first address was on Tuesday afternoon. Very vividly did he present to us Matthew, the hated and despised Roman tax-gatherer, sitting at the gate taking toll. When Christ turned to him saying, "Follow Me," we could almost hear the gasp that went around among the shocked crowds that had been listening to Jesus. Did they not know Matthew, with all his meanness and hard-heartedness — surely Christ must have made a mistake! But no, see! He is looking at Matthew, seeing through his coat of meanness and hard-heartedness, straight into his soul, and recognizing in him the very man to carry forward the Word of God in his wonderful Gospel.

Just so our Master sees beyond our selfishness, and above our numerous short-comings, and sees straight into our souls, knowing what possibilities lie there. Shall we not then answer the call: "Follow Me?" Surely as feeble and little-souled as we are, we are not worth saving, but think of the transformation which occurs in a life given over to the service of Christ, and you will see what the Master had in mind when he called to Matthew.

So He is calling to the very best that is in us, and we have had the privilege of halting, listening, and and thinking for a whole week. Every morning in chapel we were glad that Mr. Hickok had a message for us, and every afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, we felt Christ's, "Follow Me."

But Mr. Hickok did not only speak to us from the pulpit. He was a personal friend to all the students, and those students especially who talked matters over with him, felt him a charming friend, and one who would do all he could to be of help.

Very clearly did we see the work that is still to be done in furthering the Kingdom of God, and very strongly did we feel the appeal to live a life of helpfulness. Regardless of material things we felt the call to be true to our faith, always ready to witness for Christ. Many students dedicated themselves anew to live lives of unselfish service, keeping their minds and hearts open so as to respond readily to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

And finally, at our last afternoon service, we were cheered and encouraged by Mr. Hickok's splendid address. Even though we are continually fighting against our weaknesses and temptations, the very fact that we are up and fighting wins the victory for us. Just as the Children of Israel fought time and again with the Jebuzites—the victory was not gained in a single battle—but the fact of their continual fighting strengthened and united them and tested their mettle. If you do not reach your ideals, if you fail miserably, you have at least tried, and the victory is yours. "Shall life succeed in that it seems to fail?"

What I aspired to be, and was not, comforts me, A brute I might have been, but would not sink i' the scale." And now we are ready to take up
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from this time to make the page of pure intellect of being as this was put as he has come before. Addressing the students, he said: "I have seen a job and I am going to do it. I am in the army when the war broke out. He told of many interesting places and events, and of his return to America. He was glad to get back to the land of the free where the government is really for the people.

"Charles" Beckwith spoke to the last, "Speaking in War Times." This "talk" at the end of his career was given that he is English for he can see a job and doing it too. I was in the army when the war broke out. He told of many interesting places and events, and of his return to America. He was glad to get back to the land of the free where the government is really for the people.

"Miss" Ferguson was the final speaker with the host, "Overhead." As the chairman remarked he should have something about over-head for he came on the first floor of Pioneer Hall. "Pop" spoke of present day efficiency in all lines and especially in religion. He closed with some praise for the late Frank Hunt—overhead.

After singing the Beta Sigma song the affair broke up, leaving pleasant memories of "Good fellowship."

"Buddy" Evans sent his greetings by means of a telegram and A. B. Wright sent a letter of greeting and encouragement.

This banquet is only the egg from which will hatch a banquet that will see some of the old boys back to visit their home of friendship and to say how they are getting on.

ALMA SOCIETY IS PLEASANTLY WILL

The Alma Society held its regular meeting on Tuesday evening at the college building. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the report of the committee on the new building and this was not done until about 10 o'clock. Various members of the committee then furnished statements by presenting each student as was suggested by the upper classmen.

At about 10:30 the refreshments were served and it would have seemed the worst of times if the faculty members had not their respective beverages. The new thought of stopping until the last drink had disappeared. Refreshments were then given by Betty Bennett and by a number of the students. Musical was presented by Ben Hickey.

FEDERAL NEWS

The last meeting of the Alma Society proved to be the most interesting and interesting meeting yet held.

The call consisted of some of those the Alma has taken. Miss Mitchell's talk on "Causes of the War" was very instructive. Fred Cook gave "Conditions of the War," and John Bradford told of the "Wonders of Modern Warfare." The program, "Life in the Trenches" and "Canadian Soldiers," were responded to by Kenia Sellers were responded to by Kenia Sellers and Ruth Weston. Each was furnished by Josephine Hall.

COURTESY WITH OBSERVED

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again see daily tasks, but it will not be in quite the same careless manner as heretofore, but in each case of us there will be a deeper purpose, to do the task that is at hand as best as we can, for the glory of our God.

HUMAN COMPLEMENTS

By MISS BERNICE IRELAND

Man has always had an ideal woman. She has been a creature of his own brain, something he has created and revealed to suit his own mood. Primitive man regarded her as a burden-bearing, a slave to his own selfish lusts. Modern man has a higher conception. He has fashioned an ideal of woman, fragile, beautiful, contented, charming, strong all being and inspiring. He has demanded that she be faithful, whether she have cause for fidelity or not. He has demanded that she be perfect, but has assumed no responsibility for his own perfection. He has dreamed of a child-wife, being dependent on his pallid protection, incapable of living without his care.

Should woman begin to think for herself, should she have ideas of her own, what then? Man has chafed at the woman's movement, because it has appeared to him too early. He has seen in it the starting of his end. But behind all the reasons and excuses he has put forth in opposition to her advancement, is the fear that when woman rises will be man's fall. Men have been slow to realize that woman does not desire to usurp their place, or to rob them of power, that woman does not propose to give up her former joys of family life, but only seeks a wider sphere for the enjoyment of them, a broader scope in which to realize the latent powers of her womanhood.

New, contrary to the old saying, there is something new under the sun. Men and woman have found that it is safe to be honest with each other; that there is nothing of human interest that is not of equal importance to both; that they should participate in all things together. For the first time in the history of civilization we have come to an age when men and women can look each other in the eye with absolute honesty and say: "We are equal." And this is the new thing under the sun.

By this saying that the sexes are equal, no one would advocate the absurd idea that the same powers and possibilities are to be found in each. In fact, it is their very dissimilarity that is invaluable. They are not alike but they are perfectly complementary. If we could reduce men and women to a commonness, we would destroy at least half the value of human life. For all deep purposes man is not a half creature and woman is equally a fragment. The qualities found in one find their complements in those of the other. Men realize, woman conserves; men compose, woman interprets. Men seek beauty, woman realizes it; men think more than he feels, woman feels more than she thinks. The unit can never be a man or a woman; it must always be a man and a woman. Both alike achieve the greatest freedom and happiness not by minimizing our differences, but by frankly acknowledging and using them. No intelligent person can doubt but that some work belongs naturally to one sex and some to the other. This means that men and women should consider carefully all the activities necessary to human existence, to see what each can best supply.

Men will freely admit woman's success in family life, but are loath to acknowledge that she has anything to contribute to the world. Whether this denial is based on honest opinion or not, careful analysis quickly reveals its fallacy. "Woman's place is in the home" is a time-honored, nose-grows phrase, with a righteous sound, but as it is used, it is but a sorry platitude, a misleading appeal to sentiment. The progress and invention of the last two centuries have revolutionized all our deepest conceptions regarding religion, property, government, and the relation of human beings to each other. In the midst of these compelling changes, woman could no more have remained within the confines of kitchen and nursery, than man could have remained on his little New England farm, or continued cobbling shoes and making tin pans in the tiny workshops of a century ago. Industries have left the fireside for the factory, and woman has of necessity followed her wheel and loom.

Every one concedes, of course, that woman's place in the twentieth century can no longer be restricted entirely to the home and that no power can confine her influence there. Suppose woman should stay at home for just one day. Let the great army of working women abandon their tasks. So abundant would be the situation that it would be called nothing else than a strike. If the women teachers, telephone operators, professional workers, and industrial laborers, should cease work for even one short day, every industry would be paralyzed. Under present conditions with the life of the war, the care of the sick, the feeding of the world, the training of minds, the making and distributing of goods, with the whole economic machinery more or less in her hands, woman cannot be told that "woman's place is in the home" when that word is narrowed to mean the four walls of her dwelling.

In early days, when the hearth was the nucleus of all activity, such limitations might have been possible. When man alone supplied its own needs, when the housewife supervised her own baking, brewing, and spinning, when the home was a workshop providing its occupants with all necessities, when it was a school, when it was the front of civilization, then woman could give of her talents without leaving the home. Father, mother, and child, played, worked, and worshipped together. Then woman had an important part in industry, in controlling the moral, intellectual, and social conditions under which her family came, while man was clearing and tilling the fields, giving of his strength and courage to sustain and protect his home. Indeed, ever since "Adam delved and Eve spun," woman has been man's complement; and as life becomes more highly organized, more intricate, more complex, their complementary natures must be more and more employed. With the substitution of machine for hand labor, with the rapid growth of population, with the congestion of life in great cities, with the increasing tide of immigration, with the wild clamor for pleasure and amusement, countless new problems have arisen. In the rush and hurry of modern life man has not found

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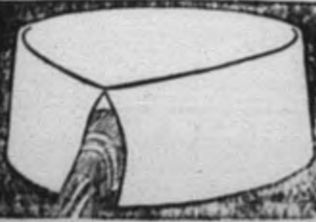
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Alumni Round Table

Where we are and what we are doing

Every graduate and old student of Alma College is interested in the experiences and life of every other alumnus or alumna. You like to read on this page about what is going on in alumni circles. Now to accommodate yourselves and us incidentally (?) why not take a little time once in a while to write to the college paper telling us what you are doing? It will interest us, it will interest our readers and will give you the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping support your college paper. If you don't want to write about yourself why not tell us about some of your friends among the alumni or old students? The Almanian is published in part to draw the old students into closer touch with their friends of college days. Act on our suggestions and we will make the sheet more interesting to everyone.

You fellows are doing a good job on the Almanian. Keep it up. Everything is going well here. We have a splendid field and everything is growing nicely. Regards to all the old friends and wish Dr. Crooks a successful administration for Mrs. Drake and myself.

Cordially,
Hurd Allyn Drake.

THE KNOCKER AND BOOSTER

"When the Creator had made all the good things He made the rattle snakes and poisonous insects and when

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Nurse Home which she had established for Crimean nurses, and opened it to young women above the rank of domestic servants who could afford to pay a guinea a week for board and lodging. This was the first of its kind in London, and bore the name North London Home, or General Female Home and Training School. Other features were a circulating library, Sunday afternoon Bible class and tea, and a missionary employment bureau. Ten years later, on March 3, 1866 the Young Women's Christian Association of Boston was organized by thirty ladies. Employment and boarding directories, religious and social features were maintained the first year. Down town rooms were opened the same year with Mary Foster as general secretary. Today there are 245 city associations with a membership of 273,234, practically all city associations have down town rooms and 1663 secretaries are on the employed staff of the association. Cooking and domestic training classes were begun in 1879, and today there are 8,623 girls enrolled in these classes. There are also classes in sewing and millinery, whereby the working girls have a chance to learn to do things for themselves. In 1897 association buildings there are gymnasiums there are current event classes and study classes, in many others all of which tend to make the life of the working girl of our cities safe and pleasant, and her spare hours profitable as well as enjoyable.

The student association, which perhaps is the branch we are most interested in just now, had its beginning in Normal College, Normal, Ill., in 1873. In many of the co-educational colleges of the middle West the young men were organized into associations, and urged the young women to have a similar movement.

Before this, it has been learned, women belonged to the men's organization, attended their conventions and used their texts books for Bible study. Realizing that more could be accomplished by two kindred, but independent associations the women withdrew, and organized the Young Women's Christian Association, on the basis of the constitution of the Young Men's Christian Association. Today there are 721 student Y. W. C. A. organizations with 65,129 members. The Student Volunteer movement was started in 1884; during the past year 6,500 volunteers sailed for the foreign field. From these figures it is evident that the Student Association is filling as large a place in the training of the student for Christian leadership and service, as its sister, the

He had finished this He still had some scraps left that were too bad for the hyena, scorpion, or skunk, so He put these all together, covered them with jealousy and suspicion, marked them with a yellow streak and called this Being a Knocker.

"This product was so bad that He had to make something to counteract it. He took a sunbeam and put it in the heart of a child and the brain of a man. These He wrapped in civic pride and brotherly love and gave them a mask of velvet and a grasp of steel. He made this Being a lover of manly sports and a believer in justice and equality and called him a Booster"—The Lawrentian.

Equal suffrage has won the day at Purdue University. It has been announced that the student council of the student body has agreed to recognize the Purdue girls and give them a voice in the management of student affairs. The girls are to be permitted to have one active member of the council and one associate member. The plan is to have the Purdue Girl's club appoint a senior "co-ed" as a representative on the board, entitled to vote, and to nominate a junior girl who is to attend the meetings of the council, but not to vote. Thus the junior girl will be able to get in touch with student affairs and in this way qualify herself for a voting membership of the student council in her senior year.

city association in filling in social service and training in the lives of the working girl.

The first State associations were formed in Michigan, Ohio, and Iowa, in 1884 and shortly after the National association was organized at Lake Geneva by representatives of nine state associations. Today the country is divided into eleven fields, each field taking in several states with a secretary over each field. At the head of all is the National Board of which Miss Grace H. Dodge was the president from 1906 until her death in 1914. Much of the success of Y. W. C. A. as a national organization is due to the efforts of this noble woman, whose time as well as her money was consecrated to the service of her Master.

These have been years of planting rather than harvesting of seeking new fields of service rather than complete cultivation, of promise rather than full fruition. It does not require a prophet's tongue to foretell that while in these coming years there will be natural growth, the great work of the association of the future must needs be intensive development within fields already occupied. When Y. W. C. A. shall indeed learn to know women as they are, high born, or lowly, native or foreign, women irrespective of class or condition; when it shall learn how to make a delicate adjustment of its unlimited resources to essential human needs; when it shall learn how to use the power latent in tens of thousands of members, in simple human service, then indeed will the words of the national motto be realized:

"I am come that ye might have life, and that ye may have it more abundantly,"

A Member.

WRIGHT HALL NEWS

Miss Rowena Rose spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Grey in Breckenridge.

Miss Conyne, Zella Commer, Hope Rose, Pauline Markham, Betty Westover, and Miss Foote witnessed the Alma-Mt. Pleasant game in that city Friday night.

Y. W. C. A.

Miss Mary Louise Allen, former Dean of Women at Alma and now National Y. W. C. A. secretary, was expected to speak here March 1st at the "Jubilee" Birthday Service. We are sorry to say that Miss Allen was taken ill while in Rockford, Ill., and has had to cancel all her "Jubilee" dates. Mr. Fitchner of the Jefferson avenue church in Detroit is expected to speak at the meeting in Miss Allen's place.

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HUMAN COMPLEMENTS

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time for all of them, nor could this have been expected of him. His peculiar genius has been absorbed in great commercial and economic enterprises, so much so that often he has failed to see the importance of solving the moral questions which confront his state. He permits unsanitary conditions in his workshops, he disregards the tragedy of the low wage, he puts the child into the factory, because he thinks cheap labor increases wealth. Man's nature is not fine enough to appreciate the instability of a prosperity founded on wrecked lives. The glamour of gold blinds him to the inestimable loss of the health, morality, and vitality of the race.

Man has always recognized woman's fine, sensitive, aesthetic nature. Why does he not more readily avail himself of it in the solving of these problems? The very fact that woman's nature is not like man's, an argument so often advanced against her entrance into public life, is the very strongest argument for it. Woman because of her different temperament, her complementary qualities, has something to contribute which society cannot afford to be denied.

To man's aggressive business sense, woman's social sense is the natural complement. This is clearly evident in regard to the woman in the home. Does not the law and its administration become of vital concern to her when in its hand are the safety, the health, and the happiness of that home? The good wife must be interested in everything that interests her husband. What is his joy or harm is also hers. The wife whose husband spends his earnings in a saloon, who suffers not only for the want of material things, but often from actual abuse at his hands, to say nothing of shame and humiliation, can have nothing but intense hatred for this institution. As a mother, she cannot be indifferent to anything that affects her children. Whatever touches them, touches her imperatively. Is she not concerned with the excellence of the schools her children shall attend, with the water they shall drink, with the quality of food they shall eat, with the cleanliness of the community in which they shall live, with the social, moral, and intellectual conditions into which they are compelled to go? Will she not oppose the brothel that threatens the chastity of her sons? While they were children at her side she shielded them from harm, shall she be prevented from guarding them any farther through life?

That a woman is not a wife or mother, does not debar her from any of these interests. Deep-planted in every woman's nature is the home instinct. Whether she marry or not, she is always interested in homes, she is concerned with problems of housing and good housekeeping in her town, and she has the fine ability to mother other people's children. When this social sense does not find its outlet through her own children, it expends itself lavishly upon the community. It is because of this inherent maternal quality that we are blessed with such women as Jane Addams, who mothers a whole city, or Lillian Wald, who for twenty years has been the angel of the East Side of New York. Thus, the eternal principles of woman's spirit make her, now as always, the complement of man. In our varied life of today, more than ever before, man is in need of woman. He must not reject the help which she offers, or be guilty of denying to it the fullest expression. We may well heed the words of Frances Willard who, though never a mother, pleads for other women's sons: "Ah, it is women who have given the costliest hostages to fortune. Into the battle of life they have sent their best beloved, with fearful odds against them. Oh, by the dangers they have dared, by the hours of patient watching over beds where helpless children lay, by the incense of ten thousand prayers wafted from their gentle lips to heaven, I charge you, give them the power to protect along life's treacherous highway those whom they have so loved."

It is not so much a complete change of human relationships, as a readjustment that is needed. Certain public affairs regarding the child and the home could be much better administered by women. It has been well established beyond any possible controversy, that where women have been given a chance, there has been a prompt response to feminine sentiment. Laws protecting child life, inaugurating better school systems, establishing juvenile courts, curfew laws, laws making possible happier and more beautiful cities, laws offering an asylum to the insane, laws extending help and encouragement to the blind and destitute, have everywhere been enacted. Wherever machine politics come into conflict with mother love, the machine must yield. Women will not stand for a man who is known to be immoral or corrupt, even though he be the party nominee. They will not be persuaded to countenance the white slave traffic, the open saloon, gambling, or any other vice. No being who has given of her life to nourish another into existence, will do anything which may bring suffering upon that life after it is created. There can be no community of interest between the evil elements of society and the motherhood of the nation.

The enlargement of woman's interest in public affairs will not establish a Utopia, nor will it correct every social wrong. Human nature is universally the same; neither sex is infallible. This is not a world for men or for women, but a world for men and women, a world in which each human soul should be allowed to live its fullest life. Now thwarting and dwarfing the best development of both the individual and society are the ugly monsters of ignorance, prejudice, and sin. Neither man nor woman alone is able to vanquish them. They must unite their strength and together battle against their common foes. Right at his hand, if man will accept it, lies woman's strength, a great potential force. Shall it be liberated and used?

ZETA SIGMA

The following program was given Monday evening:

A paper "The Steffenson Expedition by Fred Thurau was read by Jake Anderson. From what Fred says we gather that it is cold up around the South pole.

"Eight or twelve cylinder cars which" was the subject of a paper by Rube Coleman.

Lint Melvin enters with a paper entitled "Speed and the Lack of it."

Dr. Brokenshire gave a short talk giving us a glimpse of his college days.

PHILOMATHEAN

Roll call was responded to Monday evening by quotations from Washington.

After considering various suggestions to make our society room more attractive the meeting adjourned. It was proposed to make use of the Mentor, a magazine devoted to Fine Arts, in our programs, each girl buying a copy and reporting on it.

An especially well prepared paper was given by Miss Rowena Rose, on the Y. W. C. A. Jubilee, and Miss Ruth Oliver, responded to an impromptu.

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