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"THE ROSE MAIDEN"

Presented December 6th, by the Choral Club and Orchestra

PROF. R. F. VEATCH CONDUCTOR

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Friday evening December 6th, was an epoch making event in the history of musical achievements of Alma College. From a student body of 200 and a city of three thousand people has been recruited a chorus of 110 voices and an orchestra of twenty-five pieces. The initial appearance of these organizations in the presentation of Cowen's beautiful cantata "The Rose Maiden," was greeted with great enthusiasm by the large audience in attendance.

The soloists for the occasion were Mme Iva Bigelow Weaver, Miss Harriett McGraham, Mr. Edward Walker and Mr. Charles S. Wengard. With the exception of Miss McGraham, a local contralto, the artists were from Chicago. From the standpoint of artistic phrasing, response, tonal beauty, and carefully studied interpretive ability it is the opinion of those best qualified to judge that Mr. Wengard excelled. Mrs. Weaver sang with great verve and opulence of tone. Miss McGraham surprised even her most intimate friends with her clear full tones, her great range and her uniqueness of expression. Miss McGraham is at the head of the musical department of the local high school, and although an amateur she needs no apologies for her part in the performance. Mr. Walker had a big, rich voice and on the whole pleased the audience and chorus greatly in spite of a few lapses from pitch.

The chorus sang with a spirit and finish even to minute details that gives much promise for future performances. The orchestra played with a unanimity that one does not expect from an amateur organization.

The Choral Club was organized by Professor Veatch last September to fill a long felt want of the college and the citizens of Alma interested in music. The aim of the society is to aid the cause of musical art and appreciation. The individual members of the organization derives much benefit from the singing, while the public gets pleasure from its work. The club is open to townspeople as well as students. In this way every resident who is particularly interested in music might obtain a share in the benefit and pleasures afforded by the work of the society. It is more than gratifying to the members of the college to see the great numbers of townspeople that are availing themselves of the privilege as well as making these splendid entertainments possible. This is another means of co-operation between the town and the college, an organization through which all may work together for the benefit of all concerned.

The officers of the organization are:—

INTER-CLASS BASKET BALL

Coming up from behind with a rush the Seniors scored the first victory of the class championship series against the Sophomore band by the score of 24 to 22, and made a big stride toward the annual possession of the cup. The game was a nerve racker from the start, with the under classmen leading until the last moment of play. Both teams exhibited remarkable form for this time in the season and played fast, aggressive basket-ball, minus the usual rough features of intra-mural contests.

For the victors, Edgerton and Hooper were whole constellations in themselves and held the Sophs. at bay throughout the imbroglio. Wood, Austin and Goodrich were principally responsible for the wonderful showing of the second-year men, especially when they were in the lead at the end of the first half by the score of 13 to 9.

The score:
Sophs. Seniors.
Wood.....R. F..... Hooper
Goodrich.....L. F..... Ewing
Cook.....C..... Edgerton
Austin.....R. G..... Misener
McCloy, Rushmore, L. G. Von Thurn
Final score, 24 to 22. Baskets from field: Hooper, 2; Edgerton, 5; Von Thurn, 1; Wood, 6; Goodrich, 1. Baskets from foul: Hooper, 8; Goodrich, 5; Cook, 1. Referee, Ward, M. P. N. S.

In a fast, rough game the Juniors went down to defeat before the Freshmen by the score of 21 to 8 in the second cup contest. Weakness in shooting baskets kept the upper classmen in the van and was the principal cause of their reverses. Henning and W. Schultz shot several difficult baskets and O. Anderson

covered the floor with great speed. He directed the team work like a veteran.

Hyde, Vogt and Johnson easily worked the ball around in their territory, but couldn't negotiate the two-ply markers which are of vital importance to the official scorer.

The score:
Freshmen. Juniors.
Anderson.....L. F..... Vogt
Goetz, Cole.....R. F..... Higbee
Henning.....C..... Johnson
H. Schultz.....L. G..... Hyde
W. Schultz.....R. G..... Maybe
Final score, 21 to 8. Field baskets: Henning, 4; W. Schuitz, 3; Cole, 2; Higbee, 2. Baskets from foul: Vogt, 4; Henning, 3. Referee, Ward, Mt. Pleasant Normal.

Thursday evening the Seniors appropriated one more step of the ladder to the class title by jostling Freshman hopes to the tune of 38 to 12 in a fast basket-ball game. The under classmen gave a good account of themselves for the first half, but the Senior machine began, with the second half, to jolly up the score. Edgerton and Hooper rung in the most baskets of the contest and were the big issues. For the Freshmen, Henning played a consistent game and was into every play. Fouls played a big part in the final score for Hooper was in great form and missed few.

The Sophomores put a ragged game in barely defeating the Juniors by work was exceptionally poor and the score of 17 to 14. Their team their elders lead most of the way, mainly through the speed and pep of Vogt, Hyde and Johnson. For the Sophs, Wood, Austin and Goodrich were redeeming features.

President—H. C. Moore, of the State Savings Bank.

Vice-president—Wade L. Frost, of the college.

Secretary—Helen B. Cook, college librarian.



PROF. R. F. VEATCH

Treasurer—J. S. Koernitzer, of the First State Bank.

The cantata was given in the college chapel, where an immense platform had been erected, by the noble man of Alma, "Bob" Fredericks. This was where "Bob" spent his Thanksgiving vacation and he surely made a good job of it. It was large enough to contain the members of the club, the orchestra and the soloists. And it was arranged in "stair step form" as the constructor termed it, so that all could be seated on chairs and not one hid from the view of the audience. There was a total of over 140 persons on the stage.

The greater part of the credit for the splendid success of the whole affair is due to Professor Reese Farrington Veatch. His leadership first brought about the organization and his splendid teaching or training ability aided each person for his part. Mr. Alvin H. Barton, violinist, and concert master deserves much praise and credit for the splendid work of the orchestra. The students as well as the citizens of Alma and some of the near by towns will anxiously await the presentation of "Elijah" by the same organizations next May.

FRESHMAN GIRLS.

The Freshman girls' oratorical contest will be held tonight in the college chapel, with the following members of the class participating: Miss Marshal Carl, Miss Ethel Thompson, Miss Mary Blaisdell and Miss Auda Gill.

ALUMNI NOTES

Rev. W. H. Long '98 Retires From Ministry After Splendid Service

DIVINE HAS 1428 MEMBERS

L. S. Brooke '96 Has Started A New Thirty Thousand Dollar Church Building at Howell

Rev. W. H. Long '98, of Mt. Pleasant, has resigned the pastorate of the Presbyterian church and has taken charge of the old home farm at Ithaca. Since his graduation from Princeton seminary in 1901, Mr. Long has been one of Alma's most able men in the ministry, having made an enviable record in Elk Rapids, Ludington, and Mt. Pleasant, the three fields in which he has labored; and his departure means a deep loss to the Presbyterian ministry. As president of the Alumni association, Mr. Long has been of great service in bringing the old students together in a united effort for the good of Alma, and it is pleasing to know that his residence is to be so near his old college town.

The Presbyterians of Howell soon will begin the erection of a \$30,000 church. This speaks well for the work of Rev. L. S. Brooke '96, who has presided over the Howell church since 1901. Mr. Brooke has had calls to different churches on several occasions but has continued steadily in his efforts for the Howell church, and the erection of the new church will be a reward for faithful and efficient service both on the part of the pastor and congregation.

The Woodward Avenue Presbyterian church of Detroit has increased its membership to 1428 through the admittance of 115 members at the morning service two weeks ago. This brings that church to the head of the list of Michigan churches in point of membership. The church was organized under Rev. S. L. Divine '98, in March, 1908, and during the four and one-half years since that time has taken in an average of nearly a member a day. It is the hope of the church that the membership may reach 1500 before the end of the fifth year.

It was gratifying in looking over the all state team which contains five Alma players to see that in addition to this that Coach Campbell '10 of U. of D. also had three of his warriors on the same all star squad. It was a compliment to Alma football that Campbell's team was spoken of as the best exponent of open football in the state, while the Alma team was given first place in all around football ability. And speaking of football, we saw a little stanza the other day which carried us back to the good old days of the Intercollegiate before the time when the faculties assumed the purifying control that now exists in the five denominational institutions. It runs this way: "The student now takes up his book, The football season's o'er; The sturdy blacksmith wields his sledge As in the days of yore."

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NOTICE.

The next number of the Almanian will be published January 14th. Beginning with Friday there will no school until the morning of January 7th. The Almanian therefore extends to all its readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

GOOD SPIRIT.

It was pleasing to note the splendid spirit that was shown by each of the classes in the games for the basket-ball championship. All games were well attended, much enthusiasm shown and the best feeling existed between the different classes although many of the games were close and hotly contested.

GOOD RESPONSE.

The Almanian staff wishes to thank the many subscribers who so quickly responded by paying your subscription. Now to the rest of you, a pleasant way to make us feel happy before the holidays would be to send us your dollar. You see this will save you a quarter and make us feel happy at the same time.

WORD FROM OUR READERS.

A few extracts are here given from the letters of some of our readers. Many more have been received but as our space is limited we publish at the request of one of our readers only a few statements. We are more than pleased with the splendid encouragement and the few words of friendly criticism that we have received this year. At another time we will publish some more of these extracts, as we feel sure they will be of interest to many of our readers.

Dear Editor:—

Accept my congratulations on your paper, it is making a better show each time it is issued. I am vitally interested in Alma College and in all of its students. From reports, Alma is surely on the boom.

BESS LOU FARLEY,
Whitewater, Wis.

Gentlemen:—

I congratulate the editors and the management of your paper for the good work being done. I am pleased with its weekly visits, and its ability to make me feel a desire to walk once more upon the campus and tread the college halls is a noticeable factor in keeping me young.

J. C. FOOTE,
State Normal School,
Bloomsburg, Pa.

Dear Sirs:—

Have sure enjoyed reading the Almanian this fall—especially the accounts of your football games. Alma's scores against Albion and Olivet looked good to me. I saw in a Michigan paper that Alma had the best team in her history on the gridiron and I want to congratulate the

team on this statement. We thought we had some pretty good teams in 1900 and 1902 so I've some idea of the kind of game Old Alma must have put up this year. With best wishes for Alma in all lines.

W. E. BROWN (Capt. '03),
Olathe, Colo.

Dear Editor:—

I think you and your staff are to be most highly congratulated for the splendid paper you are putting out this year. The athletic column and editorials being especially worthy of mention.

SELMA O. HAHN,
Y. M. C. A., Detroit.

Dear Editor:—

I certainly appreciate the copies of the Almanian, which are especially good, and hope to get them regularly.

GLADYS L. GORTON,
Morrice, Mich.
Detroit Times,
Detroit, Mich.

Gentlemen:—

Allow me to congratulate the staff on their excellent work this year, with best wishes to all my friends.

LESTER McALLISTER,
Oak Park, Ill.

Gentlemen:—

The Almanian surely is a great success this year.

FLORENCE BATESON,
Bay City, Mich.

REV. MASON INSTALLED.

A meeting of the Saginaw Presbytery was held Wednesday evening, December 4th, for the purpose of installing Rev. Mason as pastor of the College church. Rev. H. V. Reagan, of Saginaw, and Moderator of the Presbytery, was in charge. Rev. J. Q. Durfee, of Ithaca, preached the installation sermon. Dr. Jay Clizbe delivered the charge to the church.

All seem happy now that there is a resident pastor and that the students are so fortunate as to have a man of Mr. Mason's ability to speak to them each week and to offer them his council.

ZETA SIGMA ELECTION.

After the general program last Monday evening, the Zeta Sigma members proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing term. They placed the following men in charge:

President—A. C. Edgerton.
Vice-president—Allen Hooper.
Secretary—Sidney Cook.
Treasurer—Gordon Snider.
First Critic—E. A. Thompson.
Second Critic—C. C. Hyde.
Janitor—Oscar Anderson.

Coach Helmer took his Normalites through Alma Friday on his way over to Lake View where he opened his basket-ball season with the high school of that place.

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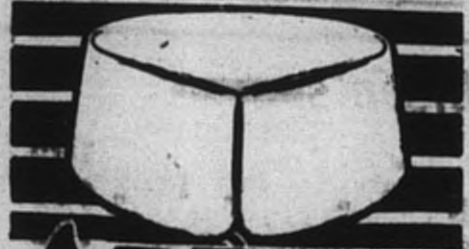
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EIGHTH RECITAL.
 The following program was rendered at the weekly recital Friday afternoon.
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 Hearts Delight..... W. W. Gilchrist
 Mr. James Peet.
 Stay, Sweet Swallow.... Tours-Nevin
 Miss Fuller and Mr. Anderson.
 (a) La Romanesca. A Dance of the 16th Century..... Anon
 (b) In Elizabethan Days. Dance in Olden Style... A. Walter Kramer
 Mr. Barton.
 The Turnkey..... Cowen
 Mr. Peet.

FIRST CONCERT NUMBER.
 Thursday evening of this week will find one of the greatest singers that ever reached this city giving an entertainment in the chapel. Marcus Kellerman is the world-famous baritone of the Berlin Royal Orchestra and will sing under the auspices of the college concert course. He will be accompanied by Wm. Alexis Parson, a Russian pianist. Every music lover within reach of Alma should avail himself of the privilege of hearing this great bass-baritone singer.

"TOM" COOPER WINS HONORS.
 "Tom" Cooper again proved that he is the premier cross country runner of the state when at the Detroit Y. M. C. A. Invitation run on Thanksgiving day he easily showed his heels to twenty eight of the best long distance travellers in the state. Though he was entirely unfamiliar with the course he took the lead from the crack of the pistol and never was headed at any time during the race. His victory is especially remarkable in view of the number of the entries and his total ignorance of the course.
 This is the second time this fall that Cooper has won the big classic; the other time was when he led the M. A. C. men to the tare two weeks before. With such a first class runner (from the freshman class) in addition to (the veteran) Wilson, it looks very much as though Alma was due for a big showing in the Intercollegiate track meet next spring.
 First place: Cooper, Alma; second, Secord, Detroit "Y." Time, 20.25
 Distance, three and one half miles.
 Timer, Ralph Craig U. of M.

Hillsdale College has adopted the following marking system.
 Letter. Significance. Honor Points.
 A Excellent Four for each hour.
 B Good Three for each hour.
 C Fair Two for each hour.
 D Barely passed
 F Failed
 I Incomplete

Prof. Reese F. Veatch is out on a concert tour through Indiana.
 F. R. Hurst spent a few days in Alma during the last part of the week.

President Blaisdell and Mr. Anderson attended the banquet in the Presbyterian church at Ithaca, Monday evening. They both aided in the entertainment that followed the feast. Banquet was given by the men's class.

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Mr. Von Thurn—"The great philosopher, Mr. Comte, went insane and jumped into the Seine river. This was intended to cure him.

Mr. Hooper—"Say, where is that river?"

At the German Table.

Miss Allen—"So you are going to represent our table in the Freshman exhibition, Mr. Cook. We'll have to support you.

Mr. Cook—"I'll give you the wink when to clap."

Miss Allen—"Wink real often, won't you?"

An Arc Light.

Mr. Anderson—"Prof. Cook, will you give me an electric light bulb for my studio?"

Prof. Cook—"Yes."

Mr. Anderson—"as Prof. Cook handed him a 16 candle power light.)

"That is not large enough."

Prof. Cook—"Oh! It's an arc light you want."

To Our Girls.

If you have nothing and your fellow has nothing,

Don't be in a hurry to wed;

For nothing, plus nothing, gives nothing.

And nothing don't chew like bread.

What "Goody" Said.

"Love is like a dizziness;
It winna let a poor body
Gang about his business."

Where His Mind Was.

Prof. Warner,—(discussing syllogisms in debating class)—"Mr. Carey give me some words with two meanings that come to your mind."

Carey—"Dear."

Young, but He Knew.

Dr. Randels, (in Freshmen Bible)—"Mr. Van Dusen, quote a verse of scripture from today's lesson."

Little Van—"It is unlawful for you to have her."

ALPHA THETA ELECTION.

Monday evening, December ninth, the Alpha Theta Literary society held its regular second term election, and chose the following officers:

President—Beryl Broderick.

Vice-president—Marguerite O'Neill.

Secretary—Jean McGill.

Treasurer—Celia Creaser.

Cor. Secretary—Joyce Fairweather.

First Critic—Maud Hooper.

Second Critic—Emily Beach.

Guide—Anna Wave Coleman.

Sentinel—Mary Blaisdell.

Almanian Reporter—Margaret Allen.

After the election the Alpha Thetas gave a good rousing yell for the Zeta Sigmas, and then they all repaired to "Stevie's" for the treat on the officers. "Stevie" was so kind as to run a few records on his Victrola for the enjoyment of the crowd; and after this there was just time enough to take advantage of the free show given the two societies by the manager of the Vaudette.

WHERE WRIGHT HALL GIRLS WILL SPEND THE HOLIDAYS.

Margaret Boag, Cleveland, Ohio; Clara Hanel, Elk Rapids; Marion Hartness, Detroit and Flint; Emily Beach, Detroit; Della Struthers, Pontiac; Marguerite O'Neill, Sault Ste. Marie; Marion Rounsifer, Howell; Hazel Clark, Ithaca; Ruth Robbins, Cadillac; Esther Shepard, Adrian; Helen Mitchell, Harrisville; Gladys Bond, Ann Arbor; Isabel

Henderson, Cadillac; Ethel Moore, Detroit; Lila Redmond, Marlette; Leo Fellows, Marlette; Florence Younglove, Detroit; Gladys Dershem, Chicago, Ill.; Faith Welton, Grand Rapids; Hazel Robbins, Iron Mountain; Lydia Malpus, East Jordan; Lula Huber, Stanton; Carol Gray, Edmore; Ortha McCracken, Alden; Ethel Thompson, Elkton; Margaret Duncanson, Cass City; Ruth Stacy, Marietta and Rainbow, O.; Ruth Ellis, Holly; Bernice Latson, Howell; Florence Henderson, Detroit; Ruth Robinson, Traverse City; Marguerite Mahoney, St. Charles; Josephine Butler, Elk Rapids; Margaret Hoatson, Calumet; Hazel McKenzie, Detroit; Lucille McQuade, Detroit; Marguerite Minchin, Evart; Anna Wave Coleman, Hastings; Marjorie Chase, Belding; Lucille Holland, Sheridan; Anna McNabb, Elkton; Rosalie Netzorg, Elsie; Margaret Allen, Ithaca; Beryl Broderick, Detroit; Beatrice Whitelem, Harbor Beach; Bertha Wagener, Harbor Beach; Irene Warner, Marlette; Florence Rozema, Grand Rapids; Marguerite O'Donald, Howard City; June Collins, Howard City; Jean McGill, Marlette; Joyce Fairweather, Inlay City; Bess Bishop, Charlotte; Sue Brown, Middleton; Madeleine Reynolds, Lansing; Marion Parsons, Charlevoix; Marguerite MacNeill, Charlevoix; Bonnie Fuller, Big Rapids; Mary Rose, Ashley; Bertha Williams, Bad Axe; Wilhelmina Ritter, Detroit; Margaret Strudwick, Bad Axe; Mathilda Ryan, Owosso and Chicago.

FRESHMAN CONTEST.

Those who are anxious to see Alma college make advancement in all of the several departments were gratified with the results of the Freshman contests in oratory which took place during the past week. For some time reverberations and occasional echoes from vacant rooms, society halls or the chapel, had been evident premonitions of something of unusual occurrence about to take place. After several weeks of hard work which had been stimulated by hopes of at least making a successful attempt, although no prize might be forthcoming, and troubled with the usual misgivings and self-distrust felt on such occasions, the results of the efforts of the representative Freshmen were made known to all in the storm of eloquence that was precipitated upon us last Saturday evening and is to be continued this evening.

The Freshmen showed commendable enthusiasm and spirit, which promises much for the future of oratory in Alma. They also set a pace which if followed up by the other classes of the college will bring the enlarged ideals and the increased enthusiasm in this line which is so much needed in our college. The following men participated in the contest Saturday night:

- 1 G. L. Cook.
- 2 Maurice Cole.
- 3 Oscar Anderson.
- 4 Thos. Blaisdell, Jr.
- 5 Montie McFarlane.
- 6 Carl Titus.
- 7 Theodore Gates.
- 8 Verne Lausing.
- 9 Verne Van Deusen.

Grant Cook won first honor and the prize for the place with his oration on "The World's Newest Republic". Titus won second with a "Plea For Peace." Cook had splendid delivery and a powerful voice.

Those Philo girls certainly know how to do things but when it comes to making Christmas presents for their annual Fair they surely have no superior. The fair Saturday was a success from every standpoint.

Lester von Thurn attended a meeting of the M.I.O.A. directors at Ypsilanti Saturday.

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