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## FINE MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

Prof. Fannell, Assisted by Mr. Bistline Delighted an Appreciative Audience.

The Athletic Association deserves the congratulations of student body and faculty for presenting a song recital by Mr. T. A. Fannell, tenor, last Tuesday evening. Mr. Fannell was greeted enthusiastically and the sincere approval of the audience was unmistakable. His singing was much appreciated during his year in Alma and he is singing even better now. His voice is pure and clear and his messa di voce or soft singing is especially effective. The program opened with two Schubert songs which he sang with perfect finish and good understanding of the lieder style. The aria "On Away Awake Beloved," from "Hiawatha" by Coleridge Taylor, an African composer, was well sung. As an encore Schumann's "Du Bist Wie Eine Blume," was offered and it was a fine example of artistic finished singing. Later in the program much enthusiasm was aroused by a group of American songs and "Then You'll Remember Me," by Bolfe. As encores Mr. Fannell added three of his own songs one of which he wrote during his year in Alma. These songs while simple in structure are quite original and interesting.

Miss Mary Rose played very sympathetic accompaniments. Her work in "The Trout," by Schubert was especially beautiful.

Miss Hitchcock, Miss Messenger and Mr. Bistline assisted Mr. Fannell and they added variety and interest to the program by their excellent work. They are too well known and enjoyed to require detailed comment here. The audience greeted them all with approval, requiring encores after each appearance.

## BIG FIRE AT M. A. C.

At 5:15 Sunday morning fire broke out in the southeast corner of the basement of the Engineering building at M. A. C. As there was a strong wind it was impossible to stop the progress of the fire with the inadequate fire fighting apparatus that was at hand. By the time the Lansing fire department arrived at six o'clock the fire had reached such a stage that it was impossible to do anything toward saving the building. However by means of bucket brigades Wells Hall, a nearby building was saved from destruction. The loss is estimated at \$250,000. The building was built in 1906-7 at a cost of \$110,000. The destruction of the apparatus and equipment amounted to about \$140,000. In spite of this loss classes are being conducted as usual.

The Mac Weekly, which is to be found in the exchange box in the library, is printing a series of articles on "Preparedness." The first article of the series, "Preparedness and National Honor" was printed in the issue of March 7. This question may properly be considered the one big problem before the American people today. Never before have the people of the United States been so thoroughly aroused concerning this subject as at this time.

It might be well for our debaters to take notice of these articles.

## ALPHA THETA

The Monday evening meeting of Alpha Theta was a very interesting one. Roll call was responded to by quotations from American humorists.

The impromptu was: "Who invented the movies," by Marian Cooper.

Lillian Des Jardins read a humorous story, "By Telephone."

Riley's Bear story was read by Ruth Hooper.

A selection from Mark Twain's "Roughing It," entitled "Buck Fanshaw's Funeral," was read by Ruth Dutt.

Lura Miller read a well prepared paper on Elbert Hubbard.



ALMA COLLEGE BASKETBALL TEAM 1915-16

## BASKETBALL SEASON REVIEW

Starting out the year without a single man, who could properly be called a veteran, as not a single man out for the team had won a letter the previous year, the prospects of Alma college for turning out a team that could make a good showing in the Michigan Inter-Collegiate and Michigan college circles, looked slim indeed, but work of the hardest kind and the old Alma fighting spirit came to the front and it happened.

Bleamaster started off the season with a rush with his green bunch. A Christmas vacation trip was undertaken with only two weeks practice, the Alma Mentor believing that it was wise to get the men in action, so that they might acquire and learn basketball from the better class of independent teams around the state. Grip of the worst sort, was just another incidental foe that the forces of the Maroon and Cream were forced to contend with on the hard week's trip. Alma won the first game of the trip with the Lansing Reos. At Flint and Detroit, Alma lost by varying scores.

The loss of these games, did not bother Alma in the slightest. The team was after experience, and experience it secured, and returned to Alma far better prepared to make the fight for the Michigan Inter-Collegiate title than the fans had dared hope.

The first Michigan Inter-Collegiate game of the season was played on the local court with Adrian college's five, a quintet of veterans, but Alma mauled them easily, rolling up within one point of twice the score that the Admirites were able to make. Foote was injured in this game, his first and last M. I. A. A. game, as he did not return to the squad during the remainder of the season.

The following week saw Malcom Smith injured and lost to the team, a loss that made the fans feel sick around the gills, when future prospects of victory were thought of, and right on the heels of this loss, came the loss of Eddie Johnston, center, who true to the spirit of things around Alma at the time, bumped up against the mumps and allowed them to hold his attention for a couple of weeks.

The Maroon and Cream team next pulled a far bigger surprise by defeating the Traverse City Olympics on their own floor, only the third time in five years that the feat had been done. True, the score was close, Alma nosing out the Upstaters by one point, the score being 29 to 28, but it

was a big victory, and still stands out as the big bright spot of the season.

Helmer's Mt. Pleasant Normals found Alma without Malcom "the boy wonder," at forward and without Johnston at center, but a hard fight resulted, Alma losing by five points to "Hal's" veteran team. Next Albion took the second M. I. A. A. game of the year, nosing Alma out in the closing moments of the game by a score of 26 to 23. Still crippled seriously Alma made a game fight, and gameness came near overcoming the Methodists, but it was not to be, and Alma lost her first M. I. A. A. game, and stood even with one won and one lost.

The following week a three day trip was taken, the Maroon and Cream playing Orchard Lake, Ypsi, and Detroit College of Law, all of whom handed Alma the small end of the scores, more possibly because Alma was way off color, than because of superior ability, but lost they were. Excuses we might give, but those won't give victories.

Returning home, Bleamaster hopped all over the locals and with the return of Eddie Johnston, the team took on a new lease of life. Hope college came to Alma, and went back mighty lucky to cop a victory. Alma lead the aspirants for the all state college title, until the closing moments of the game, and lost by 8 points.

The third Michigan Inter-Collegiate game was billed for the next night after the Hope game, and Alma waded into her opponents, Hillsdale college, in great style. The teams were neck and neck all the way, until near the wire, when Alma put on an extra spurt and nosed out Hillsdale in a hard game, 35 to 29, giving Alma two games won and one lost in the M. I. A. A. race, which by the cancellation of the Albion college schedule later, left Alma with a .666 percentage in the M. I. A. A. race.

Tri-State college of Indiana defeated Alma the following week in a battle featured by fine guarding, winning by three points, the score standing 17 to 14, and the following night the fast Grand Rapids "Y" team drubbed Alma again, but found one of the stiffest bunches of college players that she found all year. During the last half Alma scored point for point with the Furniture City team.

Alma college closed the season with a game at Mt. Pleasant with the Mt. Pleasant Normals, and took the only real good slaughtering that any college team handed the locals during the season. Mains proved a whole team for the Normals, without the other four players, and Alma was not  
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## MINSTREL SHOW GREAT TREAT

Genuine Ability Displayed by Wright Hall Artists—Greatest Hit of Season.

For a long time nothing had happened which would tend to mar the serenity of Wright Hall life. Third floor, as usual, solved the problem with a clever and original Minstrel show, Saturday night, March 4. Needless to say, it was one reversion after another—Wright Hall echoed and re-echoed with its gayety, from the time Bones, the first end man appeared.

The overture, warbled in regular dark town style at once captivated the audience. The end men labored continually to make the audience see the points of their numerous jokes. Eosters rendered a delightful solo, conspicuous for its absence of vocal vibrations. Prof. Blunderfiddle astonished the laughter convulsed audiences with a beautiful rendition of Rach's, "How many sharps make a flat?" Miss Malindey was considerate enuf to accompany the embarrassed Prof. with an interpretive reading.

The last but crowning success of the evening was the mixed quartette—who crooned the old familiar ballad, "Blinkety, Blink, Blank," in true southern dialect.

The success of the evening was largely due to the kind attention of the audience.

## WRIGHT HALL NEWS

Miss Mary Rose of Ashley accompanied Mr. Fannell in his recital here Tuesday evening.

Miss Edna Watkins of Detroit is the guest of her sister, Gladys, over Sunday.

Mr. Fruto Des Jardins was the guest of his sister, Lillian, this week. She accompanied him to Ithaca to attend the Christian Endeavor convention there.

Miss Edith Layer was the delegate from the Alma C. E. Society at the convention in Ithaca this week.

Miss Bess Brown spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in Farwell.

Miss Lydia Resseguie is visiting her sister in Elsie over Sunday.

Miss Eva Merrill is at her home in Breckenridge over the week end.

Miss Wilhelmine Ritter, accompanied by Mary De Rousie went to Mt. Pleasant, Thursday night, where she gave a talk to the Y. W. C. A. of the Normal, on Student Volunteer Work. Miss Ritter is herself a volunteer and a very enthusiastic worker.

## HOLD MID-NIGHT TRACK MEET

Third and Fourth Floor Girls of Wright Hall Have Mid-Night Track Meet.

Wednesday night aristocratic third floor condescended to challenge the faculty-infested second floor to a track meet to be held at midnight, on front corridor of third, officials to be selected. Seniors, and losers to winners Saturday night in the Trunk Room.

As soon as the challenge was presented the secret was out, for the frantic scramble of eleventh-hour practice, on second, foretold to even the least imaginative of hearers—the tale of the evening's program.

Promptly at twelve, second floor came sleepily to the Hall of Action, their forces strengthened by enthusiastic "Willie" and the two-forty sprinter Mary DeRoussie, both of the lower regions. Third floor greeted them with a rousing locomotive, which would have made M. A. C. fans green with envy, led by their word-famed yell—Mistress "Peg," appropriately and resplendently dressed in third floor colors—crimson and white.

When second responded with "one, two, three, four—," third listened attentively—wondering why it was giving them so much trouble to keep track of their numbers—but when they had finished it "one, two, three, four, second floor, second floor," third knew that even if they insisted on checking-up after each event it would not interfere materially with the program.

For once, the presence of the Dean of Women at a midnight gathering did not cause a sudden dispersion.

First event was the 2:20 and Betty left "Willie" eating dust.

In the 4:40, Mary De proved second floor managers wise to import her, by leaving "Lyd," behind. Second, followed up their advantage by entering their expert "Eck" in both low and high hurdles, thus increasing their score by two points to the tune of Lou Bee's flying slippers and Violet's swishing braids.

But third, easily retaliated when Betty proved to Zella that she wasn't thin enough to run a race. Hope laid aside out at the very beginning of the race and elbowed her way to victory.

Irene lost the discuss to "Slym" and added a point to third's score.

The relay was a crowning event. Joe Reiser gave third an enthusiastic, jumpy start and the Zella trailed her she covered the two laps and gave Marion Cooper a good lead. Rowina had a merry chase but Marion gave Jane a lead against her fast opponent "Eck." Excitement ran high but Jane reached the tape with "Eck" still coming.

The score stood 4-5 in third floor's favor. Second, feeling themselves out-classed in such activities, read third this challenge which is more becoming to their naturally quiet natures.

"We, the undersigned, do hereby challenge you, the members of Third Floor, to be as quiet and orderly from 7:30 p. m. till 6 a. m. as we are. Time—March 13-20. Judges—Faculty.

Losing side to spread winners in the dining room during dinner hour." (Signed) SECOND FLOOR.

Their sisified challenge was received enthusiastically. Thursday morning, third proved themselves "Pussy-foot and Gum shoe artists," by entering the dining room without a sound.

Next week silence will reign supreme and a pin dropped on fourth will bring our Wright Hall guardian post-haste from first to investigate.

The appetites of third floor inhabitants have noticeably diminished in preparation for the splendid feasts to come.

Miss Edna Ward spent last week end at Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor, visiting former Alma students.

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KNOWLEDGE OR A COURSE?

How often do we hear one of our friends remark about his real lack of genuine knowledge concerning a subject upon which he has spent a semester or more. True, every day he has had his work nearly up to requirements. Class standings have indicated to his parents that the student's work is being done regularly and thoroughly. No one would suspect that two years later that same student would exhibit marvellous ignorance concerning the work so recently covered. The end of the year comes and the work is successfully completed with merit. For the year's work this person has obtained marks, yes good ones, but not knowledge for which he came to college. In a word standings figured on daily percentage are not always a just estimate of a student's knowledge.

Probably there is not a person in college or high school but understands the force of this fact. How often have each one of us exhibited a wise look in classrooms and by the use of imagination and foresight have covered our real lack of preparation. No one of us can point the finger of scorn at another saying that that person gets marks by bluffing. We are all guilty and subject to criticism. Is there a student in college who has not sometime gone to class with a smattering knowledge of the days lesson and during the recitation has so skillfully maneuvered that the instructor was really impressed with his thorough understanding of the subject? Surely if there is, he is either a fool or a genius. But the large majority of us have followed this procedure until examinations and then by a little speculation concerning the probable trend of examinations have passed well. Yes passed, but what good is that if we are like the young lady who upon being asked whether she had been thru Algebra replied that she had gone thru at night and hadn't seen the sights. What good are marks if they don't stand for something?

But class averages can mean something. Whether or not they will be a true indicator of our store of knowledge will depend entirely upon us. If instead of letting this knowledge pass like water thru a sieve we assimilate it and make it a part of ourselves, then and then only will we know what it is to be truly educated. Is it worth the effort involved? Is it worth while to make knowledge of what we study? Is it our purpose in coming to college to obtain a real education or a counterfeit, superficial, bazaar-store training? If we are determined to realize the most out of our investment of time and money let us study with an eye to the future, let us master what is to be done, thus developing strength of mentality and providing a fund of knowledge that will mark us later as truly educated individuals.

Perhaps this word is especially applicable to the Freshmen, but to all whether in school or out it is profitable to pay close attention to what is going on about us and assimilate wisdom by the successes and failures of others. Thus have all the world's leaders gained their positions of responsibility.

"There's a many big departments in this ancient school o' God,  
An' ye keep right on a-larnin' till we lay beneath the sod.  
All the books an' apperaytus, all the wisdom o' the seers,  
El be just a preparation for the study o' the years."

CRITICISM

We appreciate the detailed account of the Oratorical Contest which was printed in the Hillsdale Collegian of last week. With close discrimination does it emphasize the faults and in a

few instances the good qualities exhibited in the various orations. Often we pick up a college paper and read reports of such occasions which only emphasize the points of excellence shown by the various speakers. Perhaps we are even a little gratified by this generous use of flattery but in our real consciousness we realize that we have not been given a square deal, the whole truth has not been spoken and in as much as this is true, just so far has that paper failed in its prime reason for existence, namely, to discreetly publish the truth. But in this issue the Collegian has dared publish scathing criticisms. For this much we wish to congratulate the Collegian.

On the other hand, does not true criticism mean a complete review of both good and bad qualities? We believe it does. The report of this contest is excellent but we believe that more of good could have been said in certain instances. It is hard to give an unbiased judgment when one is intensely interested in the outcome and sometimes we over-emphasize one side or another. With this favorable and adverse criticism we wish to congratulate the Hillsdale Collegian on the detailed account of the contest.

"Entertaining the Democratic National Convention" proved a decided success in the work of the Prohibition League at McMinnville League this past fall. Most of the students took an interested part in this mock national nominating convention, and incidentally learned something of this unique and important feature of our American politics.

Some interesting and almost startling results were found in a recent "Survey" trip by a deputation team from Cornell college, Iowa. The trip was made to ascertain whether there would be any more need and can for the work of the I. P. A. after the advent of statutory prohibition on Jan. 1, 1916. The survey, which covered mostly the cities of eastern Iowa, was carried on by a three man team, which interviewed all types of peoples from prisoners in jails to college presidents and even an arch-bishop, and visited a widely representative class of institutions, including breweries, saloons, libraries, churches, stores, homes, and similar places. The findings of the survey as summarized by the team showed:

1. There is a decided anti-prohibition sentiment in the cities of the eastern end of the state.
2. Practically no constructive propaganda or work to take place after the elimination of the saloons had been planned.
3. No systematic effort to secure enforcement of the prohibition law had apparently been considered, and the success of the prohibition law, on which also depends the enactment of statutory prohibition two years hence, had been left entirely to chance and to indifferent or cowardly officials.
4. Temperance educational facilities in the cities were inadequate, the few temperance speeches, posters, literature, etc., being confined almost entirely to the churches and church people.

As a result of the survey, the league has laid down a constructive program to reach the conditions it found, and has issued a call to the other colleges of Iowa to join with it in meeting the situation.

It is doubtless true that most college students who talk so glowingly of the success of the temperance movement might be similarly enlightened and alarmed by a like investigation. There can be no doubt that too large a percentage of our population is entirely untouched by any temperance propaganda, that those who do believe in it in theory too often view it simply as spectators instead of participators, and that the success of the prohibition laws are left far too much to chance. There is far too much to do for definite, great need and place for definite, constructive, far-seeing work in the anti-liquor movement.

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Prof. Brokenshire spoke Friday and Saturday to the Sabbath School Institute which was held in the Warren avenue Presbyterian church in Saginaw.

SHOULD HELP THE IMMIGRANT

(By Jacob Nathan)

In discussions throughout the country of the problems of immigration it is significant that few, if any, of the men and women who have extended opportunity for social contact with the foreigner favor a further restriction of immigration. This is one of the important bits of information that comes to us, through a reading of Lillian D. Wald's "The House on Henry Street," an intensely interesting volume published by Henry Holt & Co., New York. Miss Wald gives us some fine food for thought in that part of her book in which she treats on the immigration problem. She emphasizes the fact that the government's policy regarding the immigrant has always been negative—concerned with exclusion, deportation, the head tax and the enforcement of treaties and international agreements. But the need of something in the nature of constructive measures is now forcibly indicated, and it is in this connection that Miss Wald makes a mighty valuable suggestion.

"The planting of roots in the new soil can best be accomplished through an intercourse with the immigrant in which the dignity of the individual and of the family is recognized," says Miss Wald. "Heroic measures may be necessary to establish a satisfactory system of distribution, and these measures must be based on a philosophic understanding of democracy. Among them should be provision for giving instruction to the prospective immigrant in regard to these laws, customs or prohibitions with which he is liable to come in contact, and also in regard to the industrial opportunity open to him. Then with competent medical examination at the port of departure and humane consideration there and here, the tragedies now so frequent at the port of arrival might be diminished or eliminated altogether.

In turn, the private banker, the employment agent, the ticket broker, the lawyer and the notary public have fattened upon the helplessness of the immigrant. Our experience has convinced us that in the interest of the state itself the future citizens should be made to feel that protection and fair treatment are accorded by the state. (Note well the suggestion that follows—The Ed.) The greater number of immigrants who come to us are adults for whose upbringing this country has been at no expense. It would seem only just to give them special protection during their first years in the country, to encourage confidence in our institutions, and to promote assimilation.

"From an academic point of view, it might be said that all institutions for the citizen are available to the immigrant, but the statement carries with it an implication of equal ability on the part of the latter to utilize these institutions, and this is not borne out by the experience of those familiar with actual conditions."

Social workers everywhere should feel a debt of gratitude to Miss Wald for her book on "The House on Henry Street." There is no teacher like experience, and such successful experience as Miss Wald has had in the rescuing and building of manhood and womanhood has seldom if ever been paralleled. The volume takes its title of course from the settlement house by that name on Henry Street, in the foreign settlement of New York, established by Miss Wald and a fellow visiting nurse twenty years ago.

Since the day of the formal opening of the House on Henry Street in 1895, this institution has become famous wherever sociological work is understood, for its wonderful development of its social centers, neighborhood clubs, fresh air camps, recreation grounds, convalescent houses—in fact all that has to do with the improvement of the conditions of men and women and children in the congested east side of New York city. The staff, which in the beginning consisted of two nurses, Miss Wald and her close personal friend and co-worker, Mary M. Brewster, is now large enough to answer calls from the sick anywhere in the boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx and the calls in the year 1913-14 came from nearly 1,100 more patients than the combined total of those treated during the same period in three of the large hospitals in New York—a comparison chiefly valuable as measuring the growing demand of the sick for the visiting nurse. All this of course is in addition to the general settlement work of the House

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## Alumni Round Table

Where we are and what we are doing

If you have any news concerning old students help us make this page interesting by sending it to the editor at once.

Maynard Cook, '09 and Robert Cook, '12, visited chapel Wednesday morning.

Mr. Maynard Cook has been employed as a mechanical engineer for the last two years in Madison, Wis. Recently he was transferred to Chicago where he will place the value on the structural steel of the Chicago Gas company.

Mr. Robert Cook, '12, is too well known to the modern generation of college students and alumni to need an introduction. In passing however we would say that he was All-State full back while in college.

Since leaving school he has been employed as a field agent for the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance company. We understand that he has been very successful. His engagement to Miss Elizabeth King of this city was announced recently in the columns of this paper.

Those of the alumni who have not as yet paid their subscriptions, will oblige us greatly by paying up at once. We need the money right now.

We wish to apologize here for the failure to make a note in these columns of Mr. Roy Campbell's, '09, recent visit to Alma with his family. Always the students of the college are glad to welcome old students of the college into their midst. The error was entirely an oversight.

While in college Campbell was active in all school activities but especially in baseball.

Mrs. Campbell is a graduate of the Kindergarten department of Alma college.

### HARRY JACKSON, '14 VISITS

Mr. Harry Jackson, '14, who is in the employ of the Barret Manufacturing Company of Detroit, visited his people in this city the later part of last week. This factory manufactures coal tar products. Mr. Jackson's work is testing raw materials and finished products.

Milton Jackson who graduated in the same class is employed by Park Davis & Co., of Detroit. We understand that both are succeeding very well.

On the evening of Tuesday, March 14, the Alumni Association of Detroit expects to hold a dinner at the Dixieland Cafe. A pleasant time is anticipated by all.

If possible we will print a further account of this occasion next week.

The Endowment Committee of the Board of Trustees met last Friday in Detroit, to consider plans for the endowment campaign with President Crooks.

A committee of the Board of Trustees will soon be appointed to arrange for the inauguration of our new president. The date for the inauguration has not yet been fixed but will probably occur either at commencement or next fall.

Recently the faculty decided to discontinue the correspondence work which has been in operation for a number of years. Those students now enrolled will be allowed to complete their work but no new students will be enrolled.

The new college catalog is in the hands of the printer and will soon be completed (we hope.)

"Personalism and the Problems of Philosophy" is an essay that has recently been published by R. T. Flewelling, '95.

We quote the following estimate from the Continent:

"The author is a disciple of the late Borden R. Bowne and writes in exposition and defense of his master's system of philosophy. Contrasting this system in successive chapters with other systems current at the present day, he finds it the only one free from difficulties. Thus the little volume is not only an appreciation of the work of Bowne; it is, also, a comparative presentation of the philosophies of Herbert Spencer, Lotze, William James, Bergson and Eucken. The last named is shown to be nearest in agreement with Bowne. In fact, an introductory chapter by Rudolf Eucken himself commends Mr. Flewelling's estimate of Bowne. The book does not claim to be an exhaustive discussion of the subject, but it is a success as a brief and suggestive essay."

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on Henry Street.

Miss Wald makes a tremendously important point in connection with the work of the visiting nurses. She says:

"We found that children's diseases, particularly those of brief duration, lent themselves most advantageously to home treatment. Our records show that in 1914 the Henry House staff cared for 3,535 cases of pneumonia of all ages, with a mortality rate of 8.05 per cent. For purposes of comparison four large New York hospitals gave us their records of pneumonia during the same period. Their combined figures totaled 1,612, with a mortality rate of 31.2 per cent. Among children under two—the age most susceptible to unfortunate termination of this disorder—the mortality rate from pneumonia in one hospital was 51 per cent, and the average of the four was 38 per cent, while among those of a corresponding age carried for by our nurses it was 9.3 per cent."

Miss Wald has received high honors from her city and state for her remarkable work. Recognition of her invaluable contribution to mankind came recently also from Mt. Holyoke College, which institution of learning, at the commemoration of its seventy-fifth anniversary honored her with the degree of LL. D.

In at least one definite particular Miss Wald's influence became nationwide for it was due to her representations to President Roosevelt and her work on the national committee that the wheels were set in motion that resulted, during President Taft's administration, of the creation of the Federal Children's Bureau. Speaking of her propaganda for the national bureau Miss Wald comments:

"The national sense of humor was aroused by the grim fact that whereas the federal government concerned itself with the conservation of material wealth, mines and forests, hogs, and lobsters, and had long since established bureaus to supply information concerning them, citizens who desired instruction and guidance for the children of the nation had no responsible governmental body to which to appeal."

There is so much to be learned from Miss Wald's story of the House on Henry Street, in the way of caring for the sick and the unfortunate, the ignorant and the untrained, the unhappy and the forsaken, that the volume assumes first rank importance in the contemporary literature of the day. (The House on Henry Street, Henry Holt & Co., \$2.00 net.)

### PHILOMATHEAN

Philomathean Literary society held its regular meeting Monday evening, March 6. The meeting showed the largest attendance of this year which helped greatly in making the literary work better. After the usual business was disposed of we listened to two exceedingly interesting talks from the Mentor. One talk, Yellowstone National Park given by Florence Howe gave a vivid picture of what Yellowstone is. The other talk by Adelaide Ballou acquainted us with several of the lives of our prominent American landscape painters and their work. The study of the Mentor articles is proving to be instructive and entertaining to say the least.

After this we listened to a long letter from Marion Hartness, who is a missionary in Korea. She told of the need of the Korean people and their appreciation of a small favor. The letter plainly showed Miss Hartness' love for her work.

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### Y. W. NOTES

The most interesting meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was held last Sunday. The subject was him (hymns) and judging from the number that came "hims" are still of vital importance. It was truly a freshmen meeting, for from the leader, Vernie Green to the last speaker Grace Fairbairn all were Freshmen. Isn't it strange that unsophisticated Freshmen know so much of "Hims."

### PHI PHI ALPHA

The program of the meeting for March 6, was as follows:

A paper, "The Three Guardsmen, from Alexander Dumas' novel"—A Beshgetoor.

A paper, "The Progress of the War."—E. Sanchez.

The College versus the University—E. Ardis.

Impromptus were responded to by Bacon, Cheney, Richards, R. Besgetoor, and Van Duzen.

### ZETA SIGMA

Monday evening, March 6, was held the regular meeting of Zeta Sigma.

After the initiation of Lee Maltby the society turned to its literary program.

Malcom Smith told a story entitled, "Jeremiah Hincks the Brick Agent or the Marriage of Honoria."

The intercollegiate question was debated. Affirmative: "Stub" Warner, "Study Hour" Craig, and "Sweinet" Harrington. Negative: "Cawky" Melvin, "Ithaca" Spooner, and "Bullet" Fitch. There was a great deal of "Pep" manifested on both sides but the clear logic of the negative prevailed and the judges gave the unanimous decision to the negative.

Maynard Cook an old Zeta Sigma man was back to pay us a visit. We were pleased to hear a few words from Mr. Cook.

### BASKETBALL SEASON REVIEW

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in it.

The work of the season, however, shows great possibility for next year as Alma does not lose a single man from the squad, excepting Anderson, which will give the Alma Mentor a bunch of seven or eight men with a year's experience to start next season. Alma did not win the championship, but was not far from it possibly. We cannot tell, owing to the mix ups caused by cancellations. We know that Alma had a team of fighters, no matter who was inside of the Alma suits, and that with the good experience gained this year, Alma college's 1917 basketball team is bound to be a very strong contender for the Michigan Inter-Collegiate basketball team. What does that mean? Simply this—the 1916 season has been a success. Alma did more than she had a right to expect, starting the season with no veterans, and and with men out, as much as they were.

At the forwards Smith, Spinney and Richards proved shining lights. The loss of Smith hit Alma hard, but Richards, captain elect, filled the place in fine style, after being pulled out of a guard position. Eddie Johnston, and Al French, both played center at various times and held down the position in good shape, and considerable credit is due both.

At the guard positions several men played, and all held up their portion of the game in nice shape. Starting with Richards and French at the guards, sickness and accidents, caused Bleamaster to change the positions of both and during the season Jessup, Johnston, Anderson, Melvin, and the aforemaid two played in these two places. All learned rapidly and gained valuable experience.

The experience gained this year, will be the one big asset next season, and should the men improve next season just half as fast as this season—well, we miss our guess if they don't win the Michigan Inter-Collegiate championship.

A word or two more. Coach Bleamaster has worked hard during the basketball season just closed. With a team completely wrecked, a coach might become discouraged, disgusted, and dishearted. Perhaps Bleamaster did, but would not give up. He fought back, whipped out a new aggregation, almost, and made it possible for Alma to make a good showing, considering the fact that Alma's team consisted of a bunch playing their first year of basketball.

## An Impossible Ideal?

Perhaps, after all, the real danger is not that women will ever forget the value of the home and their obligation to it, but that men will never entirely learn them.

We are indebted to that gifted and charming essayist, Elizabeth Woodbridge, for the following: "To say that it is woman's task to make the home is to miss its most exquisite meaning. No one of the group can make the home, though any one can mar it. It must be made by all for the uses of all."

Well, if it is one thing for all to use the home, it is another thing for all—and by that we mean every one under the roof-tree—to help make the home.

And we will probably never learn the true significance of this difference unless we first distinctly understand that making a home is more, far more, than a matter of cooking food and making beds, of fetching and carrying and running the vacuum cleaner.

There can be no quarrel with that division of labor which makes household tasks very largely a woman's business and bread-winning outside the home a man's business.

But after both men and women have accomplished thus much there still remains the finest part of the task of homemaking.

It lies in heart interest, in love for the home as an institution and in a thorough belief in its sacredness. A woman once said, "I can conceive of such a fine interpretation of the meaning and value of home that in case of difficulty or disagreement between two people the very ideal of the home itself would outweigh the personal element and conserve unity."

The idea that two people might be willing to submerge personal differences to the larger ideal of home itself may be an ambitious conception, but surely not impossible. And in this role of homemaker a man may serve as largely and as truly as a woman.

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