

# The Weekly Almanian

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## ALMA LOSES SECOND GAME

### Teachers Trim Varsity on Home Lot—Three Flukes

It took eleven innings of base ball for the veteran Mt. Pleasant Normal team to down the Maroon and Cream last Saturday afternoon in the regulation length of play.

Alma had a lead of six runs at the end of the second inning and held it until the sixth when the visitors annexed the tallies, and even then no one as much as entertained the idea that the Normalites would win the final contest, but slips in fielding and head-work proved costly and with the final inning of the regulation game, the men of Helmer tied the count.

Hawkshaw French started for Alma and was some effective. Not until the fourth inning did the Normals get a ball outside of the infield, this being the first hit that the Teachers made. In the fifth inning two more hits were made, but not a run resulted. In the sixth one hit was bunched with some costly errors, giving two runs. French retired from the box with this inning.

Johnson and then Depew took up the work with the next inning, but neither had the stuff on the ball that French had, and errors being mixed with hits, Alma suffered runs enough to cross the plate to change a game won to one lost.

To start the game French struck out Farmer and Lake. Vincent popped one to French. The Alma forces came up and held a big entertainment right at the start. Herbert grounded out. French smashed a hot one to first. Hyde slammed one through first for a hit, Johnson poled out a double center, French scoring. Hyde was held at third. Hyde scored when McDonald let a ball get away from him. Fitch hit to center field and Johnson scored. "Tac" Gies pounded one down to short for a hit. Pete Robinson connected with the pill for three bases, scoring Fitch and Gies. Dietzel laid down a perfect bunt, scoring Robinson, and getting first safely. Dietzel stole second. Depew walked. Dietzel was nailed, when he and Depew tried a double steal.

In the second McDonald filed to short. Chapman dropped one in front of the plate and was nailed at first. Van Hosen went out French to Johnston. Hebert started again for Alma, his best being a fly to first. French slammed out a double to right. Hyde sacrificed him along. Johnson walked and when McDonald threw wild in the attempt to catch him stealing French scored. Fitch fled out.

In the third Kyser grounded to first. French struck out Middlesworth and Bottum. For Alma Gies struck out. Robinson doubled and stole. On an attempted hit and run, Dietzel struck out and Robinson was nailed at the plate.

In the fourth French struck out Farmer. Lake walked and Vincent hit to right. McDonald walked and the sacks were crowded on every corner. French struck out Chapman and the danger was averted for the time, when Van Hosen fled out to right. For Alma Depew grounded out, and Hebert and French struck out.

Kyser dropped one to French for a hit in the fifth, but died stealing. Middlesworth hit to right, but died when caught off first. Bottum struck out. Fitch made first on Chapman's error and stole second, but was stranded when Gies grounded out.

To open the sixth Helmer sent in little "Billy" Ellsworth, who responded with a single to center. Lake grounded out. Vincent was safe when Hyde threw wild to first. Johnston threw wild in trying to stop the men, who scored. The next three men expired painlessly. Robinson and Norm Smith fled out for Alma. "Bottles" Depew startled the fans with a double. Hebert struck out.

Johnston was doing mound duty in the seventh for Alma and Kyser and Middlesworth whiffed at air three times. Johnson hit Bottum. Ellsworth (continued on page four)

## ALMA-OLIVET DEBATE

Every body out for the debate to be held in the College Chapel next Friday evening, April 21, 1916.

Question:—Resolved that the United States in co-operation with the States, should require every able-bodied male citizen to serve a stipulated term in the State Militia."

Alma—Affirmative:

Howard S. Burtch  
Melvin R. Vender  
Myrddyn C. Davies

Olivet—Negative:

Edward Kendall  
William Keese  
Fred Hoyt

Our negative team goes to Hope Friday morning.

The members are Linton Melvin, Arthur McIntyre, Ray Cheney. Let's give them a real send off.

## COLLEGE DRY CAMPAIGN

The aim of 100 Michigan students in a state-wide dry fight in 1916, Harry G. McGain, University secretary of the Intercollegiate Prohibition association, addressed the students in Chapel, Tuesday morning and the young ladies in Wright hall in the afternoon in regard to the Michigan College Dry campaign.

Michigan votes on a state-wide prohibition amendment on Nov. 7. In this election every vote will be a determining factor. The voters in dry territory must all be educated to prohibition and urged out in order to overcome the large majorities in the wet districts. Mr. McGain pointed out that students had a great responsibility in the matter, as they could educate and influence public opinion as no other people could; that personal contact must be had with the voters as much as possible.

In preparation, the Michigan Dry Federation, State I. P. A. and National I. P. A. are combining and will send briefs, sermons of speeches and arguments for the prohibition cause, without cost.

Forty Alma people, students and faculty, signed cards agreeing to take some active part in the campaign which will end Nov. 7, 1916. The local league also experienced a large increase in membership, most of the new members came from the young ladies of Wright Hall who hitherto had not been included in the I. P. A. membership at Alma College. This means that Michigan will surely go dry.

Mr. Gain's large stature, with his fine personality made a deep impression on the student body and aroused much enthusiasm for both the campaign and local league.

The members of the local league should not rest content with this splendid showing which is the result largely of one day's waste by Mr. McGain. Alma is capable of going farther and doing bigger things in this campaign.

We can increase our membership and the number that take part in the great campaign. As an initial step they have organized a study class using Harry S. Warren's text on Prohibition with Dr. Brokenshire as the instructor. The class is open to all students whether members or not. Let our motto be Alma for a Dry Michigan 1916.

## SCIENCE CLUB

The science club held its regular meeting last Saturday night, April 15. A very good program was given, dealing with birds. The program was as follows: A review, supplemented by a talk by Alfred Papworth; "Our Greatest Traveler," Mr. A. Cook; and illustrated lecture on local bird life, and on the surrounding country of Vestaburg, was given by Dr. MacCurdy.

## PROHIBITION CONTEST

The state Inter-Collegiate Prohibition Oratorical Contest is to be held in Ypsilanti April 21. Morton G. Ault, the winner of the local contest is to represent Alma at that contest. We wish Mr. Ault every success.

## NOTESTEIN LEAVES COLLEGE

On account of having accepted a position with The Redpath Chautauqua Company, of Chicago, Robert Notestein, Editor-in-chief of The Almanian, has left college for the rest of this year. Notestein expects to do quite a lot of travelling while on the trip, the circuit being thru Georgia and the South, then back up North. As students we feel that it is only right that an expression of appreciation be given at this time for his activities while in College.

"Bob" was an active worker in all the numerous phases of our college life. As editor of the "Almanian" he has proven himself to be a capable and efficient man for the position. He was a good supporter of the "Y"; a member of this year's football team, a member of the College Glee Club; one of the debaters on last year's team; and first Critic of Phi Phi Alpha Society. The college paper voices the sentiment of the entire student body and faculty, in wishing to Robert Notestein a most enjoyable and beneficial trip while in the employ of the Chautauqua Company.

## FIRST JUNGLE SPREAD

On the morning of April 5, Miss Waite's table opened the season with the first jungle spread. We reached the jungle long before the rising bell rang and the men of the party proceeded to gather fire wood. At first the wood only smoked dimly but after Miss Waite had fanned it with the utmost patience for a long time, the flames began to crackle cheerily. With the addition of wood which the boys secured from some source at Pioneer Hall we soon had a splendid fire. We then set about satisfying our hunger with an abundant supply of bacon, sausage, coffee, buns, and cookies. The remnants of our feast were piled upon the bushes for the birds that had been flying about in the greatest excitement. Everyone pronounced the spread a great success and returned home with anticipations of another spread as soon as there could possibly be an excuse for one.

## BASE BALL SCHEDULE

|       |         |                            |
|-------|---------|----------------------------|
| April | 22      | M. A. C. there.            |
| "     | 28      | Albion here                |
| May   | 3       | Olivet here                |
| "     | 5       | Hillsdale here             |
| "     | 6       | Mt. Pleasant Normals there |
| "     | 12      | Olivet there               |
| "     | 13      | Albion there               |
| "     | 18      | Hillsdale there            |
| "     | 19      | Adrian there               |
| "     | 20      | Ypsi Normals there         |
| "     | 24      | Mt. Pleasant Indians there |
| "     | 26      | Kalamazoo here             |
| "     | 27      | Kalamazoo here             |
| June  | 2 and 3 | M. I. A. A. finals         |

## PRAYER MEETING

Miss Ruth Stacy led a short Prayer Meeting in the Chapel last Wednesday evening. The subject for discussion was "Getting the Most out of Life." Many valuable suggestions were offered by the leader for getting the best things out of our lives, and especially out of our College lives. A short song service followed.

## "WHAT IS YOUR LIFE?"

### Dr. Brokenshire Gives the Term Opening Address

St. James, the brother of the Lord, has an eminently practical message. It would be a privilege to talk only an hour with the sublime John or the fervent, logical Paul, or James, who shared the Nazarene home of Christ and knew the Son of God as a member of the family. When convinced by the resurrection, it was perhaps because of such intimate relationship with Christ that St. James laid the emphasis on practical obedience to that glorious Person rather than on profound doctrinal thesis. By living contact he already knew the Lord of Glory and the evidence of the resurrection had clarified his vision of the Person of Christ. He puts a question pertinent for the earnest students: "What is your life?"

The college student, by his very presence in the institution, manifests an earnest view of the opportunity of living, and a desire to fit himself for the largest possible usefulness. His ideal should be, not so much to get the most out of life as to give the most of himself in successful service. For such benevolent endeavor our traditional curriculum provides probably the best preparation. It is itself an intelligent experience, and he who trusts merely to a blind, if heroic struggle a more general "school of experience" learns many a bitter lesson at the cost of many blunders.

A college education means among other things the acquiring of an extensive and accurate knowledge of important, a working acquaintance with the primary sources of information collected and codified by the experience of mankind. Mathematics is a severe discipline in nicety and exactness of mental procedure. The more concrete sciences which exhibit the laws of nature and of life introduce us to devout reflection upon divine thoughts. The mastery of the languages makes manifold our manhood. We appreciate too lightly the tremendous historical importance of classical study. And yet we are still caught in the currents of the Renaissance and the Reformation, movements initiated by grammarians who "settled hoti, ti, and de." The advantages of an acquaintance with Germanic and Romanic literature need hardly be emphasized. The literature of our own tongue invites us to a pleasant acquaintance with a wealth of profound and suggestive themes. History and political science exemplify the evolution of an eternal purpose and teach lessons of broadmindedness, toleration, perseverance, and unwavering hope. Philosophy is a world of sublime ideas and its reflection on God, freedom, and immortality is a schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, the Alpha and Omega of physical and spiritual existence. Music and the fine arts cultivate the ennobling emotions.

College life implies culture, physical, mental, moral, and spiritual. It issues in breadth of soul, in refinement of character in spiritual insight, in philanthropic devotion. Let us know our Bible, ourselves and our capacities, our associates and their needs, the broad world and its manifold opportunities for service.

How shall we improve our college privileges and make a success of life? Let education draw out and discipline the best that is in us. We are about on a full sea of opportunities and we must take the current as it serves or lose our venture. Our souls are uncarved marble, and we are sculptors of character. Let us catch and embody in a well wrought character the heavenly vision of a consecrated life.

## FACULTY CLUB MEETING

A Faculty club meeting was held at Dr. MacCurdy's home last night. Dr. Crooks read an excellent paper on "Literature and Morality." Dr. Clisbe and Miss Cook were visitors.

## COLLEGE RECITAL

Before a small but appreciative audience on last Friday evening a very fine recital was given by Prof. Veatch and Miss Hitchcock with Miss Mary Rose at the piano. The program consisted of six numbers beginning with a scene from Pinero's play, Trelawney of the Wells, which was read with much interpretive skill by Miss Hitchcock. In response to a well-deserved encore she gave a musical setting of Kipling's famous "On the Road to Mandalay," Miss Rose weaving in the familiar air in a pleasing background of harmony. Mr. Veatch gave as his first number a group of songs ranging from the tenderness of "Vergin tutt' ammi," by Durante, to the humor of "A Bird in the Hand." Though not in good voice, Mr. Veatch sang with excellent effect and to an insistent call for an encore responded with Sidney Homer's "Requiem."

In her second number, Miss Hitchcock gave the audience especial pleasure by her rendering of the pathetic "Da Leela Boy," in Italian dialect. A group of German songs followed, so selected as to show the work of the greatest of the world's composers of this form—Schubert, Franz, Grieg, and Brahms—sung to English words by Mr. Veatch with much musicianly skill and feeling.

For her closing number Miss Hitchcock gave a selection from Acton Davies' play, "Romance," in which full scope was given to her ability as a reader of charm and much dramatic force. Mr. Veatch closed the most delightful program with a group of songs by American composers, of which perhaps "The Bird of the Wilderness," by Horsman, best revealed his fine quality as a dramatic baritone.

## LAST LYCEUM NUMBER

The management of our Lyceum Course will present Miss Gay Zenola MacLaren on next Wednesday evening, April 19. Miss MacLaren will present a different form of entertainment than ever seen here before. In her imitative recitals of famous plays, she is spoken of by critics as one possessed with remarkable powers for the interpretation of famous stage productions by the great actors.

Miss MacLaren after attending the production of a modern play will, without reading the original book or the dramatization, give an imitative recital of the entire production impersonating every character. She admits a natural born gift of mimicry, and by developing her natural powers, has been able to produce an entertainer of the most critical audience. Recently Miss MacLaren gave one hundred and seven recitals in Panama. So popular were her entertainments that she was frequently referred to as the "Idol of the Isthmus."

Her repertoire consists of such well known plays as "Within the Law," "Peg O' My Heart," "Bought and Paid for," "Romeo and Juliet" and many others.

She will appear at the Wright opera house under the auspices of the Alma Lyceum course next Wednesday evening. Tickets, fifty cents including reserved seats to those not holding season tickets.



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On account of the rush at the Record office in publishing the College Catalog, the Almanian is a day late.

IS ALMA SPIRIT FAILING?

Would the old students of Alma care to have one of the Alumni of the College come back and witness the spirit (?) manifested at our athletic contests? This question has presented itself to the student body and what must our answer be? There have been two base ball games at home this year and there has not been even the proverbial "corporal's guard" of students present. This condition of affairs is lamentable to say the least. The Athletic Association has, with a great deal of pains and at a considerable expense arranged a series of home games that will be second to none in the state among the small colleges. If the students of Alma are not interested, this has been a waste of both time and the Association's money. We believe however that the students are interested and that with a revival of the old Alma spirit we will again see the stand well filled with students and our teams rooted on to victory by a loyal Maroon and Cream delegation.

Another failure of the proper spirit was manifested Saturday by certain students who at a critical period of the game in the ninth inning were seen to leave the stands and walk nonchalantly away. We can't expect to win ball games that way. Without any hesitation we may say that the spirit is much poorer than it was only a few years ago. Back in the days of Archie Maybee a student who kept his seat during the "Lucky Seventh" courted physical violence. A big revival of that spirit will bring Alma a championship this year.

How may we get this spirit again? This week we play the Aggies. Let us have a mass meeting and send the boys down to Lansing to bring us back a victory. And then let us get a bench out to the Albion game that will make the Alma team register a win in their first Intercollegiate game. Talk up a base ball spirit!

EDITORIAL CHANGE

Wednesday evening I received word from the Redpath Chautauquas, ordering me to report in Chicago ready to start for the south for work with them during the summer months. Immediately after sending word that I would accept the work I secured Myrddyn Davies to assume my duties in connection with the Almanian. He and Friedman will edit the paper for the remainder of the year.

As a final word, perhaps, to the students and alumni of Alma College I want to say that I have enjoyed the work on the college paper and have deeply felt and appreciated the assistance offered me and the kind words spoken, about the paper. We have tried to give Alma a clean conservative college paper. Whether or not we have attained our purpose lies entirely within the judgment of our readers.

May the Almanian and Alma College enter into an increasingly large field of service and prosperity.  
R. B. Notestein.

CORRECTION IN ALMANIAN OF MARCH 21, 1916

We are informed that Miss Ross the first K'g teacher, did not marry Mr. Pierson, as was reported in the Almanian of the above date. Mrs. Pierson informs us that Mr. Pierson married Miss Clare E. Dillingham, a successor of Miss Ross. Also Mr. Pierson was not the son of the College Librarian at that time as was reported.

LATIN AND AN ENGLISH VOCABULARY

"A man may as well try to reach England without a boat, as to attain proficiency in English without Latin," says Dr. S. P. Sherman, professor of English in the University of Illinois. "Proficiency in English presupposes at least four qualities: fluency in the expression of words, accuracy in the use of them, concreteness in their application, and power in selecting them.

"In the world of business the man who can make one dollar multiply itself by five is accounted successful. Why then is it not good economics in acquiring an English vocabulary, to learn the Latin root, if from one Latin root one can gain the use of anywhere from ten or two hundred English words?"

"If you would test the truth of this statement for yourself—just see how many words you can make from the Latin for send—mitto, mittere, misi, missus. Before long remit, missive, missionary, committee, omit, and promise have added to themselves fifty words."

Just knowing that "portare" means "to carry" will help one to know a great deal, at least, about some sixteen English words. The "porter" in the hotel, you know, always carries your baggage, and our tariff list has to do with importance, or things carried into this country. So one could go on indefinitely building words from Latin roots. "Aer" means "air" and "nauta," "sailor," knowing this what could be plainer than the meaning of "aeronaute?" If you know that "sub" means "under" and "marinus" connected with the sea, you know the English word "submarine." Perhaps you do not know that at least two-thirds of our English words come from the Latin, which the old Romans used to speak when they ruled almost the whole civilized world. A knowledge of Latin becomes a key to unlock the meaning of many vigorous and unusually concrete English words. Even the man who cries: "Avoid Latin derivations. Use terse, pure, simple Saxon!" is himself using seven Latin words to one Saxon.

Accuracy in the use of sixty-six per cent of our English words can be gained most surely by the mastery of the Latin root. Are you never confused by "affect" and "effect?" Have you ever been guilty of directing one to "endorse" a document upon its face? Can you distinguish at once between "centripetal" and "centrifugal"—"alumni" and "alumnae." Try Latin as a remedy.

But proficiency in English means more than fluency and accuracy; it means the power to be concrete. Is it not worth while for the politician to be able to dub a voter as "recalcitrant"—if he shows opposition—or, as the Latin puts it, "kick back?" What an interesting adjective "gregarious" is, when applied to the "crowd" man. Or perhaps you do not know that "grex" means "herd" and "arius"—belonging to.

Have you ever noticed how limited your boy's vocabulary is? How little power he seems to show in selecting English words? Perhaps this is because no study he is taking makes him aware that there are many meanings and shades of meanings in English words. If he were a student of Latin he would soon learn to know that "magnus" does not always mean "great," but that he must discriminate in choosing the English word according to the noun modified for example: "spes magna"—high hope; "silentium magnum"—deep silence; "subsidiium magnum"—clear indication; "dolor magnus"—intense pain.

Fluency, accuracy, concreteness and power are the real assets in one's knowledge of English, and, if so, is Latin as a high school study to be lightly put aside?

CLOVERLAND MEETING

Saturday evening the almost forgotten Cloverland club emerged from its long term of rest. Our most gracious and beloved dean gave them 9:45 permission even tho it was Saturday night. Those 'Clovers' certainly are a privileged few.

Promptly at eight o'clock, the members living at Pioneer Hall called for those of Wright Hall. A delightful time was spent at the Vaudette and at the De Luxe. How the Wright Hall occupants ever managed to be in at 9:45 no one but they know.

These worthy few from the snow clad hills of the north land will soon show that they are alive.

FROEBEL

The Froebel program for last week was as follows:

Roll call—Quotations about women.  
Debate—"The Women of Great Britain need the Ballot more than the women of America."  
Affirmative—Esther Ricketts.  
Negative—Louise Beck.  
Music—Beryl Hazelton.  
Review of notable Feminists and their work—Miss Robinson.

WRIGHT HALL NEWS

Miss Florence Meggison of Mt. Pleasant Normal was the week end guest of Edna Ward.

Miss Jessie Duncanson and Miss Velma Gillmore who are now teachers in Clare were campus visitors this week end.

Miss Caroline Robinson and Miss Camelia Waite were in Saginaw a few days this week.

Miss Lucile McQuade is visiting Miss Margaret Robinson in Owosso this week.

Miss Emily Slocum went to Greenville Saturday to make personal application for a school in that city. Miss Dorothy Streator of Detroit was the guest of Emily Slocum over Sunday.

Miss Bess Brown spent Sunday at her home in Farwell.

CAMPUS PUNCHES

Prexy and Hedges seen on tennis court Saturday.

Noted: Numerous couples up the river—(?)

Seen: Gies in Center Field.

Heard: Hebert on side lines.

Who reported: "Why, we passed more than 15 couples last Sunday evening?"

Yes: The cups are found.  
Certainly: M. A. C. will have to "play ball" next Saturday.

LOCALS

Mr. Ray Cheney went to East Tawas this week to apply for superintendency of schools in that city.

Mr. Merritt Miller of this city who attended college her last year is home for a few days visit with his family and friends from his work at Perdue in Lafayette, Ind.

Mr. Charles Kennedy is visiting his brother at Clare over the week end.

Mr. McFarlan is here from Owosso to spend the week end.

Miss Maude Hooker '13, a post grad. student at Michigan, is spending her vacation in this city.

Kenneth Merriman Ex '17, is back to review old acquaintances, and form new ones. Come around and hear him tell of his bicycle trip to the coast. He's willing.

Schermerhorn and Milligan spent the week end at the latter's home in Breckenridge. The trip was made "afoot." Who said—"They look it?"

"Tulie" Johnson spent the week end at his home in Yale. A good time is reported.

An Old College for Girls.

One of the oldest schools for girls on the American continent is the Colegio de la Pez in Mexico City. This was founded by wealthy Spaniards in 1732 for the benefit of the children of the poorer classes. The building was designed after the royal palace in Madrid and covers nearly five acres of ground. The original name was the Colegio de San Ignacio. About eight hundred girls are usually in the college under a staff of 45 teachers.

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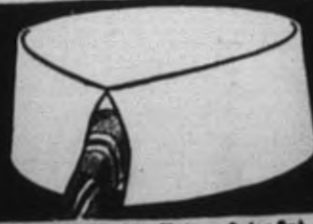
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## Alumni Round Table

Where we are and what we are doing

March 15, 1916

My dear Mr. Notestein:

Your request that I write a letter, telling you of myself, puts me much in the situation of a congressman who was required to write his own biography for the Congressional Record.

Modesty forbids that I do more than give you a bare skeleton of the things which have happened to me. I was in May 1898 to enlist as a private in the regiment which became known to fame as Roosevelt's Rough Riders. Aside from the fortunate circumstance that this enabled me to be a member of a regiment which saw service in every battle which took place on Cuban soil in the advance on Santiago, this incident is chiefly significant in that it placed me on terms of personal and more or less intimate friendship with Roosevelt a relationship which continues to the present day and one which is naturally prized by myself.

After the war I embarked in the newspaper business as a reporter on the Grand Rapids Herald, later becoming its editor and in 1901 I resigned to become the publisher and part owner of the Soo News at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. During my residence at Sault Ste. Marie, I became more or less active in Republican politics and in 1910 was elected chairman of the Republican State Central Committee. During the period of my residence at Sault Ste. Marie, I was appointed by the President a member of the United States Board of Indian Commissioners, a body which has supervision of all Indian affairs, membership on which is for life. It is unique among government regulating bodies and has played a very considerable part in the development of Indian administration.

In the campaign of 1912 I took a rather active part in behalf of Roosevelt's nomination, serving as Vice Chairman of the Roosevelt National Committee. At the subsequent Progressive National Convention, held in Chicago in August 1912, I was chairman of the committee on credentials. Late in 1912 I sold my newspaper at Sault Ste. Marie and established a new daily newspaper in Manchester, called the Manchester Leader. Eight months later I was enabled to purchase the Manchester Union, the old established state daily of New Hampshire and today am publishing both the Manchester Leader and the Manchester Union. One is a morning and the other an evening publication.

This gives you a bare outline of my life since I left college. Although eighteen years have passed since I left Alma as a student, my affection for her has never diminished and I am always made happy when I learn of the progress she is making and of her achievements, both in educational and athletic departments. While in college I was Captain of the first football team which Alma College organized and you will readily understand the interest with which I follow the progress of the team each year.

If you should make any use of this information which I have given you, be careful to remove from it any flavor of self aggrandizement. I should feel humiliated if the alumni who read the Almanian should gather the idea that I was trying to blow my own horn.

With sincere, best wishes, I am,  
Yours very truly,  
Frank Knox.

And now the report from the east is that W. Frank Knox, formerly of the Soo News and at one time president of the Michigan Press Association, has made such a success of his two newspapers in New Hampshire, and his power in the political field of the State is now of such big dimensions that he has been offered but refused a yearly salary of twenty thousand dollars to manage Hearst's Boston American. Frank is a Michigan boy. (Mich. Bulletin).

Chicago, Ill. Mar. 25, 1916

Mr. Robert Notestein,  
Editor of weekly Almanian.

Dear Sir:—Yours of the 10 inst. at hand. In reply I would say that I don't know as there is anything in particular about me or the line of work I am in that would be of par-

ticular interest to the Alumni. However, you are certainly due the courtesy of a reply even if I have delayed doing it for some time due to the fact I've been extremely busy the last few weeks and have worked overtime many nights.

I have been employed by the Western Electric Co. ever since leaving college as you know. The first year was spent in learning the various processes of manufacture and I did practically no productive work. It is the policy of the company to take a certain number of college men and train them in this manner as they find that by knowing the system used and being familiar with the various types of apparatus manufactured enables them to work at much higher efficiency later and soon repays them for the expense involved in training.

For the last two years I have been working on efficiency studies and trying to reduce costs on various processes of manufacture sometimes I think without much success, however, the old pay check keeps coming around every week so maybe some of them really prove a saving.

As for living in Chicago, well I think I would prefer Alma or some other smaller place. The mud around Alma after a nice rainy day as we are now having cannot compare with that which collects on the pavements of Chicago. At any rate it's about the dirtiest place in the country to live in and I think I will get back to a small city as soon as the opportunity presents itself.

Sincerely Yours,  
E. A. Monteith

3210 Arthington St. Chicago, Ill.

### Y. W. C. A.

One of the most interesting and impressive meetings of the year was held by the Y. W. C. A. last Sunday. The installation of new officers took place, by means of the candle service; each old member handing her candle to her successor. The following new officers were installed.

- President .....Wilhelmine Ritter
- Vice Pres. ....Mary De Rososie
- Sec. ....Pauline Markham
- Treas. ....Vernie Greene
- Chairman of membership committee, Mary De Rousie.
- Chairman of Social Service committee, Adelaide Ballou.
- Chairman of Religious Meetings committee, Ruth Oliver.
- Chairman of Conference committee, Edna Ward.
- Chairman of Social committee, Gene Ramsdell.
- Chairman of Rooms committee, Emma Keller.
- Chairman of Bible Study committee, Grace Fairvair.
- Chairman of Association News committee, Edith Loyer.
- Chairman of Poster and Music committee, Ruth Weston.
- Advisory board—Miss Waite and Miss Robinson.

### ZETA SIGMA

Zeta Sigma held its first meeting of the spring term Monday evening.

"The Brandeisment of the Supreme Court" was the subject of an interesting paper by "Free Press" Maltby. "Tickets" Stafford gave a very fine review of the novel "Four Feathers" written by E. W. Mason.

"Ptomaine Poisons" was discussed by Frank Bittner. Bittner is a real scientist, giving us some interesting information.

Before the literary program of the officers for the spring term were installed.

### PHI PHI ALPHA

The regular meeting of the Phi Phi Alpha was held in the Society room on Monday evening, April 10. The new president, Ray Cheney called the meeting to order at 7 o'clock. The following men took part:

Ray Beshgetoor, gave a good summary of the latest developments of "The Present European War."

Alton Case, explained "The Maple Sugar Business." Case knows from actual experience what the maple sugar work is like, so he made it very interesting.

Thomas Jackson, read a paper on "The Early American College."

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### ALMA LOSES SECOND GAME

(continued from page one)  
worth took three wild lunges and struck out. For Alma French walked, but was caught off from first. Hyde hit safely to second, but was caught at first, when he took too big a lead. Johnson was safe on an error. Fitch poled a hit to right. Gies ended it by flying out.

The Normals scored again in the eighth. Lake fled to right and was out. Vincent caught one for a double. McDonald who is Hal's favorite slugger with men waiting deliverance, struck out. Chapman smashed one to center, scoring Vincent. Van Hosen nailed a double scoring Chapman. Kyser grounded out. For Alma Robinson and Norm Smith struck out and Depew fled to Bottom.

Johnson left to catch a train home and Depew took up the duty of staying the Normalites and saving the game for Alma, in the ninth. Middlesworth fouled to Hebert. Bottom grounded out to second. Ellsworth was safe on Robinson's error. Lake waked. Vincent doubled, scoring Ellsworth, Lake taking third. On the second strike on McDonald, Fitch dropped the ball, and before he could shift his gaze all the way around his feet and locate the ball, Lake had crossed the plate and the score was tied at 6 all. McDonald took another whiff and sat down. For Alma the game, nearly given away should have been won in the last of the ninth. Hebert singled. French singled and Hyde laid one down the third base line, the sacks being crowded with none down. Vender struck out. Something went wrong and no signal was given for a squeeze play and Fitch attempted to hit, but the ball dropped out a foot in front of the plate. McDonald pulled a clever bonthead, waiting until Hyde got home and then touching him with the ball, and Fitch was safe at first, whereas the Normals should have had an easy double play. Gies tried hard to rescue the perishing, but his best was a fly to short.

In the tenth Chapman fled to center. Van Hosen struck out. Depew dropped one in front of Bottom and was out at first.

The long threatened raid by Hal's forces came in the eleventh. Ellsworth struck out. Lake was safe at first when Hyde threw wild. Vincent caught one for two bases, scoring Lake. McDonald layed one to center and Vincent scored. Chapman a like one to the extent of two bases and McDonald crossed with the ninth Normal run. Middlesworth again grounded to Hebert. For Alma Hebert sent Lake back to the track in right for his drive. French shot one at short, but was out at first. Hyde again forced Lake to seek the track to pull down his long drive, and it was over.

Alma passed up chance after chance to put the game on ice, and every error that was made was made just when it would count for the Normals.

If anyone of the five errors made in the first nine innings had not been made, there would have been less Normal runs and the game would have been Alma's. Plenty of practice pegging the bases is needed, the game has shown for one thing.

It also brought out the fact that Alma has a bunch of sluggers that should be the equal of any in the state college ranks this season, as the men are bound to improve in this department with practice.

The work of French during the six innings that he worked was of a superior kind, and if it may be taken as a sample the big Coleman lad is to have a big year in 1916.

| ALMA           |       | AB |    | H  |   | O |  | A |  |
|----------------|-------|----|----|----|---|---|--|---|--|
| Hebert, 3b     | ..... | 6  | 1  | 2  | 2 |   |  |   |  |
| French, p. 1.  | ..... | 5  | 3  | 6  | 2 |   |  |   |  |
| Hyde, ss       | ..... | 5  | 3  | 2  | 1 |   |  |   |  |
| Johnson, 1. p. | ..... | 3  | 1  | 7  | 1 |   |  |   |  |
| Fitch, c       | ..... | 5  | 3  | 12 | 2 |   |  |   |  |
| Gies, m        | ..... | 5  | 1  | 1  | 0 |   |  |   |  |
| Johnson        | ..... | 2  | 5  | 2  | 0 |   |  |   |  |
| Dietzel, lf    | ..... | 2  | 1  | 0  | 0 |   |  |   |  |
| N. Smith, 1    | ..... | 3  | 0  | 0  | 0 |   |  |   |  |
| Depew, r. p.   | ..... | 4  | 1  | 0  | 0 |   |  |   |  |
| Vender, rf     | ..... | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0 |   |  |   |  |
| Totals         | ..... | 44 | 16 | 30 | 9 |   |  |   |  |

| NORMALS      |       | AB |    | H  |    | O |  | A |  |
|--------------|-------|----|----|----|----|---|--|---|--|
| Farmer, 2.   | ..... | 2  | 0  | 1  | 0  |   |  |   |  |
| Lake, rf.    | ..... | 4  | 0  | 3  | 0  |   |  |   |  |
| Vincent, lf. | ..... | 6  | 4  | 3  | 0  |   |  |   |  |
| McDonald, c. | ..... | 5  | 1  | 12 | 3  |   |  |   |  |
| Chapman, 3.  | ..... | 6  | 2  | 2  | 0  |   |  |   |  |
| Van Hsen, m. | ..... | 6  | 1  | 0  | 0  |   |  |   |  |
| Kyser, ss.   | ..... | 5  | 2  | 1  | 1  |   |  |   |  |
| Mdlsrth, 1.  | ..... | 5  | 1  | 9  | 0  |   |  |   |  |
| Bottom, p.   | ..... | 4  | 0  | 1  | 6  |   |  |   |  |
| Ellswrth, 2  | ..... | 4  | 1  | 1  | 0  |   |  |   |  |
| Totals       | ..... | 47 | 12 | 23 | 10 |   |  |   |  |

|                 | 1           | 2         | 3         | 4        | 5             | 6         | 7         | 8         | 9          | 10  | 11      | R        |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----|---------|----------|
| Mt. Pleasant    | 0           | 0         | 0         | 0        | 2             | 0         | 2         | 2         | 0          | 3   | 9       |          |
| Alma College    | 5           | 1         | 0         | 0        | 0             | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0          | 0   | 6       |          |
| Runs—           | Vincent     | 3,        | Ellsworth | 2,       | Lake          | 2,        | McDonald, | Chapman,  | French     | 2.  |         |          |
| Errors—         | McDonald,   | Chapman,  | Kyser     | 3,       | Hyde          | 3         | Johnson,  | Fitch,    | Robinson   | 6.  |         |          |
| Stolen bases—   | French,     | Hyde      | 2.        | Johnson, | Fitch,        | Robinson, | Dietzel   | 7.        | Kyser      | 1.  |         |          |
| Hits—           | Off French, | 4         | in 6      | innings; | off Johnston, | 3         | in 2      | innings;  | off Depew, | 5   | in 3    | innings. |
| Two base hits—  | Vincent     | 2,        | VanHosen, | Chapman, | Johnston,     | French,   | Depew,    | Robinson. | Three-     |     |         |          |
| base hits—      | Robinson,   | Sacrifice | fly—      | Hyde.    | Struck        | out—      | By        | Bottom,   | 9;         | by  | French, | 6;       |
| by Johnston,    | 3;          | by        | Depew,    |          |               |           |           |           |            |     |         |          |
| Bases on balls— | Off         | Bottom,   | 3;        | off      | French,       | 2;        | off       | Depew,    | 1.         | Hit | by      | pitcher. |
| By              | Johnston,   | 1.        | Umpire—   | Crisp,   | Alma.         |           |           |           |            |     |         |          |

### ONE POET OUT OF PLACE.

When Wordsworth, in Borrowed Finery, Attended a Royal Function.

It is not easy to imagine Wordsworth, the gentle poet, in the midst of the glittering artificialities of court life. Yet he once actually presented that picture. How slender was the tie that bound Wordsworth to the court during his seven years' tenure of the laureate-ship may be judged, says W. Forbes Gray in "The Poets Laureate," by the fact that he wrote no official poems and that on only one occasion did he leave his retreat in the heart of his beloved lake land to attend a court function. In May, 1845, he obeyed an imperative summons of the lord chamberlain to attend a state ball at Buckingham palace.

There must have been, as Professor Knight remarks, "something not a little incongruous in the severely simple, almost austere, poet of seventy-five years attending a ceremonial of this kind." Wordsworth went not only to the ball, but to the queen's levee, in a court dress belonging to Samuel Rogers and wearing a sword once owned by Sir Humphry Davy.

"What," exclaims Haydon, "would Hazlitt say now? The poet of the lakes in bagwig, sword and ruffles?" Haydon also remarks that the fitting of the court dress was no easy matter. "It was a squeeze, but by pulling and hauling they got him in. Fancy the high priest of mountain and of flood on his knees in a court, the quiz of the courtiers, in a dress that did not belong to him, with a sword that was not his own and a coat that he had borrowed." Haydon could not bear to "associate a bagwig and sword, ruffles and buckles with Helvellyn and the mountain solitudes."

On returning home the laureate wrote an interesting account of his novel experience to his American friend, Professor Reed: "The reception given me by the queen, at her ball, was most gracious. Mrs. Everett, the wife of your minister, among many others, was a witness to it, without knowing who I was. It moved her to the shedding of tears. This effect was in part produced, I suppose, by American habits of feeling, as pertaining to a republican government. To see a gray haired man of seventy-five years, kneeling down, in a large assembly, to kiss the hand of a young woman, is a sight for which institutions essentially democratic do not prepare a spectator of either sex and must naturally place the opinions upon which a republic is founded and the sentiments which support it in strong contrast with a government based and upheld as ours is."

### Pineapples.

The pineapple is a solidified blossom, say the horticultural experts, and it is pineapple blossom time from June to October in Hawaii, where 7,000 acres are given over to the cultivation of this fruit. Pineapples are planted in three ways—for shipment raw, for canning and for juice. If the planter wants large, perfect specimens of the fruit he sets about 5,000 plants to the acre. The uniform smaller disks that you find in the cans are the result of closer planting, while the planter who desires only juice sets his plants still closer.—Youth's Companion.

### Past Help.

The man with the old clock under his arm laid it on the jeweler's showcase "I wish you'd see what is the matter with this," he said.

The jeweler removed the dial, screwed his eyeglass into place and inspected the works of the ancient timepiece. "Nothing is the matter with it now. Its sufferings are over."

"Well, how much do I owe you?" asked the man. "Nothing," answered the jeweler. "This isn't a professional treatment. This is a coroner's inquest."

### Earth's Diameter.

The earth's greatest diameter is not necessarily at the equator. According to the eminent Professor Henkey, the actual greatest diameter is that taken from the summit of Mount Chimborazo. The line drawn from this point to the opposite side on a point in Sumatra gives a diameter of 7,929 miles.

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