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PHILOMATHEAN NEWS

Initiation Banquet

The initiation and banquet of the Philomathean Society was held last Friday night. The initiation ceremony was impressive, eight old girls, taking their part in the pledges given and taken.

Immediately following the initiation, the guests and members marched into the society room. The room was beautiful with its subdued yellow light, and long tables. The society colors, yellow and black, were used in decoration. Two lovely center-pieces of yellow and white chrysanthemums were on the tables. The candles were yellow, yellow roses on the placecards. Sunset roses for favors and handsome black programs, with gold printing and yellow bows, completed the color scheme.

The banquet was good but we were all glad to have Miss Resseguie open the program. She made a charming toastmaster and introduce Adelaide Ballou, who gave the "Welcome" toast. Her toast, in poetic form, made each of us feel glad of our privilege of being present. The "We're Glad to be Here" speech given by Blanche Moshin, with its spirit, will make Philomathean a greater force than ever in Alma college life.

Mrs. Crooks was the next speaker and truly she had Philomathean spirit in her message. The personal knowledge of our aim made her words carry zest into our purpose—of true friendship.

Lillian Hildreth sang two songs in her charming manner.

Esther Smith following with a good toast to "Philomathean" and Florence Howe of "Our Aims" gave the new girl's ideas. Miss Howe made us feel enthusiastic and when we closed the program with the college song we promised ourselves more loyal devotion to the society and college whose aims are to give to the world, broad, noble, friendly women.

Philo Open Meeting

The Philomathean society held its open meeting on Monday evening, Oct. 16th. Roll call was responded to by giving a short biography of some well known American. Olive Batie gave an impromptu, "The National Guard Under the New Law," which was excellently rendered. Erma Gates talked about "American Poets of the Soil," based on "The Mentor." "American Institutions Imperiled by the World of Art," remarkable for its literary excellence. Mrs. Hudson and Lillian Hildreth sang two groups of songs by American composers. The program purposed to portray the America of today, in art, in industry and commerce, and in world affairs.

After the meeting refreshments were served and a pleasant social hour was enjoyed by all.

ZETA SIGMA

Initiations were continued, Edwin Boyne and Rolland Marsh being added to the list.

After the initiations an impromptu debate on the question: "Is a Co-Educational Institution Beneficial to College Students?" was held. Affirmative—French, Holt, Adams. Negative—Melvin Wight Hicks.

Uncle Al led off with a masterful appeal for the co-eds. He said he knew from experience that they were a help in studying nature and astronomy. Peg Melvin came back strong but when he said he came here to study books, not human nature, he got the laugh and sat down. The Freshmen with the explanation of W. J. Bryan could find little to say on the subject. Mr. Hicks said he had a thousand word speech prepared, but had forgotten it. The society acting as judges were almost unanimous in favor of the affirmative. "Why?"

FROEBEL

Last Monday evening, the meeting of the Froebel society was held. Plans for the program for the coming semester were discussed and Miss Bertha Swanson was appointed chairman of the program committee. Miss Nina Resseguie was elected to represent the Froebel society at the debating council.

After discussing plans for the entertainment, which is to be held soon, the meeting was adjourned.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Oct. 27—Albion at Albion.  
Nov. 4—M. A. C. at Alma.  
Nov. 11—Olivet at Alma.  
Nov. 18—Kazoo at Alma.  
Nov. 25—Notre Dame university at South Bend, Ind.

ROBERT E. SPEER'S LECTURE

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dying mothers. Was that because there wasn't enough? At that very moment there were mountains of wheat piled up along the railroads in Argentina that rotted because they could not be carried away. There was food enough to feed every one. The matter was in humanity. God could not find men to carry his surplus over to want and need.

The great economic problem is not the problem of production, it is the problem of distribution of the fair equal share of the wealth of this world, and this day will only come when God finds men who will let loose what is in them.

"Just think how the whole of life needs to be keyed to a new level. Think of the talk that goes on among us—the pitch and tone of the life we live. Think how the whole thing needs to be lifted. And how will it be done?"

You remember the Ethiopian in the story of Acts, how riding and reading in his chariot he was met on the highway by Phillip. He did not understand what he read. How can a man understand anything unless it is interpreted through life? What would we know about loyalty, if our hearts have never trembled at the sight of a flag? It is life that puts meaning into all our words. One great need is just that the need to life the whole level of life and language that describes it, to a plane nearer to God. I can illustrate it only in one other way. How much a life goes to waste because a life does not put its utmost in life. Every one of us here today, is what he is, only because some other life has touched his. If that life had been false, our life would be a different thing to us. Think of the touches that we have lost. Our lives would be purer if only other lives had been more faithful than they were in letting into our lives the things that come from God, through them. Let me tell you of one instance.

"When Chinese Gordon was a little boy in his father's country place in England, John Selden, an old missionary pled for men to go back with him. This missionary was standing in the hall of his father's house, where he had been entertained, when Coleridge, a little twelve year old boy came by, and old John Selden put out his arm and laid his hand on the little fellow's head. 'I thank you very much for your kindness and hospitality to me,' he said. 'Will you give me Coleridge?' Then he went out on his way. Everybody else forgot it, but not Coleridge, and it fired him with a life purpose.

The fine thing about this truth is that it is not the sort of truth that we are usually fed on,—the truth that makes a lie out of history and holds out the few isolated figures of history. History is not what Napoleon, and George Washington, and Martin Luther did. History is what is not written down in the books, and what never can be written down in the books. It is the great enormous, and indifferent body of life that dwells in need. It is the great mass of common men and women, and the call of God. It is not the few that God wants. It is every man that God needs, to give his contribution to the moral uplift of the world.

"Seventy years ago, after working in a Boston city, a poor shoe clerk came out of his store and went down the street toward the simple little room that he called his home. Far down the street he saw some one coming—a tottering drunkard, reeling as he came. The shoe clerk put his arm around him and said, 'Man, there is a better life than this for you.' The drunkard's name every one knows, but no one knows the name of the shoe clerk. John B. Gaugh has kindled fires in many men's hearts.

"No man knows what God has put into him and what the contribution is that he can make to God and to mankind.

"Dr Campbell Gibson tells of having been up in the Interior, and having seen far up on an old Chinese heathen temple which had been confiscated by the government and transformed into a school of modern education, and over the gateway was inscribed the Chinese saying: 'If you are planting for ten years, plant trees; if you are planting for one hundred years, plant men.' For that is what the world needs and that is its wealth, and the dormant possibilities of sacrifice and service that are in us,—these things we have got to give or to withhold. How different would our lives and the world become, if we but gave them!"



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Rev. J. W. Cochran, D. D., LL. D., Secretary of Presbyterian Board of Education, speaks at the Men's Bible Class in the new class room in the Presbyterian church at 11:30 next Sunday. Make it a record Sunday.

The Almanian is grateful to Miss Guter for the stenographic report of Dr. Speer's speech.

SWIPES GIVE BANQUET AND WINTER PARTY

"Are you going tonight?" "No, are you?" "I haven't been asked yet and I don't suppose there's much chance being as I'm only a Freshman, but I'll be there if you'll be with me." "Ah, I don't know, I'm busy, but I really wouldn't care and I was going."

This is merely a scrap of conversation overheard between two Freshmen girls the eventful day of the swipes' spread and it is needless to say that every girl held those same thoughts even though she did not give voice to them.

It may be truly and most emphatically said of Alma swipes, that they never do things by halves and those who were witnesses of their last social event can vouch for the correctness of the above statement.

The banquet was given at Wright Hall last Thursday evening, and many were the envious eyes that were turned to view the decorations which graced the festive board. This was the first evidence of the artistic ability of our gentlemen hosts, but later when the inner man was receiving undivided attention we realized that the powers of the forenamed masculines did not stop here but the inside decorations were given that same amount of personal attention.

It would perhaps be best not to mention the many things which were on the menu except to be sure the chicken, and pray do not forget the chicken, oh, best beloved for the Dikes of them birds have never been found.

After every one had fully capautated himself, the entire company went to the theater and this, believe it or not my gentle reader, is no ordinary occasion for a sojourn in Wright Hall, but never the less it was so decreed and so it was, for even the dean of women can not withstand the most unheard of request from one of our swipes.

The evening was one of the most delightful occasions of the year, and everyone joins in wishing the rulers in the domain of "T. A." the same success in their appearances in the social world.

PHI PHI ALPHA

At the last meeting of the Phi Phi Alpha Literary society, the following program was carried out:

Mr. Fred Porter read a paper on, "Chemistry and Preparedness." His paper gave a very interesting survey of the manufacture of explosives. He also spoke of the dye business of the country.

Mr. Mac Payne read a paper on "Michigan Dry in 1916." He presented a good history of the prohibition movement and gave convincing arguments why we should live in a dry state.

Mr. Beshgetoor gave a paper on "A Summer With the Redpath Chautauqua." His experiences with this company made the paper so much more interesting.

A most edifying review of the founding and history of the society was given by Dr. Notestein.

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### ALUMNI AND OTHERS—

Remember 11th of November.  
What's to take place on 11th of next month?  
Come back and show your spirit on Saturday, 11th.

### O'NEILL, '13-EWING, '13

Last Saturday at Bay City, Mich., William A. Ewing and Marguerite O'Neill, both of the class of '13, were united in marriage.

"Bill" is employed in the sales and advertising department of the Republic Motor Truck Company, Inc., of Alma.

Mrs. Ewing was a teacher in the high school at Sault Ste. Marie before her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Ewing will reside in Alma.

The Almanian wishes both of its friends every success and happiness.

### MISS HELEN CASE AND MR. WHITTMORE '09, MARRIED

Wedding Performed at Presbyterian Church, Caldwell, Idaho.

One of the most beautiful weddings ever witnessed in Caldwell was that of Miss Helen Case and Mr. Harlow Whittemore at the First Presbyterian church Sunday morning. At the close of the morning worship the congregation was asked to be seated and immediately strains of the bridal chorus from the Rose Maiden were heard from the choir room. After first phrase the singers appeared, charming all with their splendid renditory of this appropriate selection.

During the musical program, the Camp Fire Girls, of whom Miss Case was guardian, festooned all the aisles with asparagus rope and stood in place during the whole service.

The familiar strains of the Lohengrin, wedding march were then heard, Miss Marjorie Beale presiding at the piano. The wedding party then appeared, being led up the two outer aisles by Mr. Vance, minister of the First Presbyterian church, and Mr. Case, former minister and brother of the bride.

After the pronouncing of the Aaronic benediction of the wedding, the party marched down the center aisle to the joyous strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, Mr. Case being joined by the mother of the bride. The entire wedding party was then whisked away to the home of the bride where a delightful three course luncheon was served.

Masses of cream and pink roses against the background of asparagus and ferns formed the artistic decoration of the church.

The home of the bride was made beautiful by dahlias and scarlet bitter root berries, the gift of Mrs. W. E. Lewis of Sea Side, Oregon, and roses from Mrs. E. B. Robertson of Nampa.

Miss Case is well known in Caldwell because of her connection with the College of Idaho, having been the teacher of expression for three years. She has also taken a very active part in all church work and became pianist the first Sunday after her arrival in Caldwell. She was first guardian for the Camp Fire Girls of the church and will be greatly missed by these girls.

Her husband, who is a graduate of Alma college, is an instructor in landscape architecture in the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. Here they will be at home after October 1st, at 1920 Norway Road. The best wishes of the church, college and community generally go with them both.—The Caldwell Tribune.

Cadillac, Mich., 10-18-1916

Gentlemen:—  
Got three copies of Almanian today. Thank you very much. The paper starts out fine this year. Keep it up! Best wishes for a very successful year.  
Sincerely,  
E. R. Stafford.

Have you paid your dollar?

**Wilson-Wessinger**  
Announcement has been made of the marriage of J. Courtland Wilson, ex-'18, to Miss Tressie Wessinger, of Milford, Michigan. "Court" was a pre-medic man when he attended Alma, and since leaving college, he has been successful in business.

Upon their return from a honeymoon trip, they will reside at 28 Hendrie avenue, Detroit.

### Gray-Clark

Mr. Leon Gray, '14, and son of the Reverend E. F. Gray, late pastor of the Congregational church, Breckenridge, was united in marriage Saturday, Sept. 2nd, to Miss Lucile Clark, at the home of the bride's uncle in Benzonia, Michigan. Gray was a popular man while in Alma, altho he was here only one year. Since leaving Alma, he has been an instructor in the Benzonia Academy. They will reside in Benzonia.

Morgan Hall, Auburn, N. Y.  
Oct. 16th, 1916

**Mr. Louis Sarvis,**  
Alma, Mich.  
Dear Mr. Sarvis:—

The enclosed money order for one dollar (\$1.00) will introduce me to you as a regular, paid up subscriber to the Almanian. I wish the paper sent to the above address. I have found the paper a most satisfactory means of keeping in touch with the college activities. The columns of the Alumni Round Table have been particularly interesting and newsy. I hope that all departments of the paper may have a very successful year.

Yours sincerely,  
John L. D. B. Landon, '13

### FITCH IS HONORED

George Leland Fitch, a Junior in college, has been honored by the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic association, having been elected president of the association at a recent meeting at Albion. Fitch is the fullback on the Alma college football team, and has held down that position in past seasons. He is also a member of the baseball team, having been the catcher on the Maroon and Cream nine for the past two years.

### WRIGHT HALL NEWS

Miss Gladys N. Dershem of Owosso was the guest of Adeliade Ballou over the week end.

Miss Edith Battershee spent Sunday with friends in Corunna.

Miss Muriel Netzorg spent the week end at her home in Elsie.

Miss Marie Spring visited at her home in Unionville this week end.

Miss Gladys Watkins was called home to Milford by the death of her grandfather.

Miss Eloise Carey is receiving a visit from her mother, Mrs. Carey, of Harbor Springs.

Miss Dorothy Case entertained her mother the past week.

### I. P. A. LEADER HERE

Mr. Maxwell Hall, traveling secretary for the I. P. A., spoke in the college chapel last Wednesday and held a short meeting with those who are interested in the work of making Gratiot county cast a vote for the "Drys" in the coming election. His talk was full of fire, and he made strong appeals for students to get into the game to make Michigan dry. Alma students are ready at any time to go out in the work.

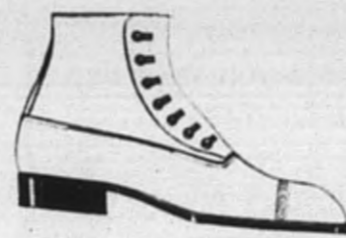
### AN INTERESTING LECTURE

Dr. John W. Plant, of the Michigan Tuberculosis Survey party, gave a very interesting talk in the college chapel last Friday morning.

Dr. Plant emphasized the fact that tuberculosis germs, after infection sometimes lie dormant in the individual; and nothing but ruddy health can keep them from gaining a tubercular infection.

One day the office boy went to the editor of the Soaring Eagle and said: "There's a tramp at the door, and he says he has had nothing to eat for six days."

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**NORMALS EASY FOR ALMA PROF. BROKENSHERE'S EXTENSION WORK**

(Continued from page one)  
Some of the regulars were back when the last quarter started and Mt. Pleasant was held for downs. Alma was penalized five yards for offside. Hoolihan made 15 yards on a cross buck. Alma was given five yards again for offside. Johnston went around end for 25 yards. Hoolihan smashed the Normal line, went through, and continued 20 yards to the goal, and then added the extra point by boosting the ball over the cross bar.

Alma kicked off to Mt. Pleasant, Chamberlain getting the ball and making a ten yard return, to the 30 yard line. The Normals gained two yards in two downs and punted to Johnston who let the ball get away. Alma recovered the oval on the Alma 20 yard mark. Alma punted to midfield to the Normals. Smith intercepted a pass on the first Normal play. Hoolihan made three, Smith six, Johnston ten, Fitch eight, Hoolihan five, Johnston three, Fitch two, Hoolihan three, Smith seven and Johnston two. Hoolihan again noticed the goal some distance away and when called on the next play, lugged the ball past the goal, and then added the extra point by kicking his fifth goal. Time was called at this stage.

Lineup and summary:

Normals	Pos.	Alma
Vincent	R. E.	Richards
Kirconnell	R. T.	French
Peterson	R. G.	Barabeau
Lawther	L. G.	Miller
Frid	C.	McAuley
Cameron	L. T.	Spooner
Schrump	L. E.	A. Foote
Chamberlain	Q.	Smith
Almy	R. H.	Hoolihan
Haig	L. H.	Johnston
Bradish	F. B.	Fitch

Score by periods:—1 2 3 4—

Normals ..... 0 0 0 0—0

Alma college ..... 13 7 7 14—41

Touchdowns: Johnston 2, Hoolihan 2, Smith, Richards.

Goals: Hoolihan 5.

Time quarters: 12 minutes (No timers appointed and first two quarters ran together, and were probably short).

Substitutions: Lott for French, Hebert for Smith, Ardis for Barabeau, Ed. Foote for Fitch, Sullivan for Johnston, Robinson for Hoolihan, Cameron for Schrump, Smith for Hebert, Fitch for Ed. Foote, Johnston for Sullivan, Hoolihan for Robinson.

Referee: Patch of M. A. C.

Umpire: Kimball of Alma high.

**WHAT'S AHEAD**

Wednesday, Oct. 25.—Prayer Meeting.

Friday, Oct. 27.—Alma-Albion at Albion.

Saturday, Oct. 28.—Science Club.

Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1.—Inaugural of President Crooks.

At the midsummer Bible School held at Alma last July, Rev. Charles D. Brokenshere, professor of Biblical literature, delivered five lectures on "The Life and Journeys of St. Paul" and five lectures on "The History of Religious Education From the Earliest Times to the Present." At Sabbath School conference in Saginaw last spring he delivered five lectures on Religious Pedagogy and Bible Study and lectured last winter by special request at Stanton, Mich., and Rockford, Ill., on "European Experiences and Observations Before and After the Outbreak of the World War." On Oct. 1, 2, 3, 1916, at Sault Ste. Marie he made addresses in behalf of Alma college and the Synod of Michigan's educational work on the following subjects: First, "How We Got Our Bible;" second, "The Bible in the Home;" third "Robert Raikes and the Origin of the Modern Sabbath School Movement;" fourth "How to Study the Bible;" fifth, "How to Teach the Bible;" sixth, "Spiritual Lessons From Sights and Scenes in Europe;" seventh, "The Bible and Education;" eighth, an evangelistic address at the City Mission. While at the "Soo" he talked with young people and their parents about Alma college and distributed literature. Stereopticon slides of Alma's buildings and campus were shown.

**Making Practice Difficult**

"You had your first patient today?"  
"Yes, daddy," replied his son.  
"What was the diagnosis?"  
"Didn't make any."  
"Didn't you feel her pulse?"  
"No; she wore a wrist watch and I couldn't get at it."  
"Didn't you look at her tongue?"  
"No, she was using it!"

**Nelson Not to Blame.**

Once an old woman was being shown over Nelson's ship, "Victory." As the party approached the spot where Nelson met his death, the attendant pointed to the brass plate fixed in the deck and said:  
"That is where Nelson fell."  
"No wonder, I nearly tripped over that thing myself."  
The old lady was impressed, but not in the right way.

**Temporary Objection**

A shoemaker was fitting a customer with a pair of boots, when the buyer observed that he had but one objection to them, which was that the soles were a little too thick.  
"If that is all," replied the shoemaker, "Put on the boots and the objection will gradually wear away."

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**The Idlehour**

WEDNESDAY

Douglas Fairbanks in "His Picture in the Papers."

Willie Collier in "Better Late Than Never."

THURSDAY

Mary Pickford in "Behind the Scenes."

Helen Holmes in "The Girl and the Game."

FRIDAY

Marguerite Clark in "Still Waters."

SATURDAY

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