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GREETINGS TO NEW PRESIDENT

It has often been said the the difficulties and perplexities which confront a college president are many and great, and no doubt this is true. It is also true that there are many delightful associations. To both of these the tasks and the rewards, the difficulties and the delights, the Almanian welcomes our new president, Dr. Thomas C. Blaisdell, and pledges him its loyalty and its best endeavors.

Alma is beginning the twenty-sixth year of her life. She has finished the first lap of the century race with credit, and enters upon the second under most favorable auspices with our distinguished and trusted president as guide.

We may well congratulate ourselves upon our new leader. It would seem that he is particularly well fitted for the duties of a president. He has been a student and teacher all his life, and has actually taught in more than half the departments represented in the curriculum. He is certainly a scholarly person, as is well testified by his numerous and widely used books in English: "Composition-Rhetorics," "A Teacher's Hand Book in English," "English, in the Grades," and "Steps In English." Besides, Dr. Blaisdell is an extensive contributor to educational magazines, and eagerly sought as a lecturer and conductor of teachers' institutes not only in this but in other states.

The danger in having a president of such distinguished and varied attainments is that too much may be expected of him. The Almanian suggests this as a timely yet kindly warning.

When the German, Fichte delivered his address after the crushing defeat and later humiliation of the Prussian at the hands of Napoleon, he did not direct them to king and princes they were "Addresses to the German Nation," and primarily it was an appeal to the Germans to



"realize their strength." How well the Germans heard and heeded the present German Empire testifies.

If Alma is to make the progress she ought to make during the next quarter of a century it will be because trusted faculty students and friends realize their strength and devote it to the promotion of the interests of the college we love. It is a great thing to have a distinguished leader, yet he can accomplish little



Beryl Broderick

Allen Hooper

Margaret Allen

F. R. Hurst

E. A. Thompson

Alfred Papworth

Sidney P. Cook

ABOUT THE STAFF.

Just a word about the personnel of the new staff: Managing editor, E. A. Thompson, '13; enrolled in the literary course, continues his work of the last semester of 1911-12, having general charge of the paper and will do his best to promote the good "Old Alma spirit" of harmony, and make everybody work. Associate editor, Miss Beryl Broderick, '13; enrolled in the literary course. Miss Broderick is the first young lady to serve on the Almanian staff in this capacity and will undoubtedly establish a record in assisting the managing editor in his work as well as a precedent.

Athletic editor, Sidney P. Cook, '15, is enrolled in the classical course. Mr. Cook is thoroughly familiar with all branches of college athletics, and has a wide knowledge of the situation in the Michigan Intercollegiate, having lived in Alma since his childhood, and taken his preparatory in

unless the services of others are at his disposal. It is his part to suggest and initiate, it is ours to carry out to achieve.

But for today let us just show him that we are glad he is here, let us give him and his family the cordial and hearty welcome which they deserve.

READ THIS.

It is contrary to the United States postal laws to send any publication to previous subscribers, whose subscriptions have run over. Theoretically speaking, what about those who didn't pay up last year? Now the

academy as well as himself being a wearer of an athletic "A." His column will be spicy and interesting to all. Business manager, Allen Hooper, '13, is a classical student.

Allen is a resident of Alma and has a genuine business head. He will not only secure good advertising but see to it that every subscriber pays his subscription and receives the paper.

Alumni editor, F. R. Hurst, '04. Mr. Hurst has held this position on the staff for some time and needs no introduction. His wide knowledge of the Alma situation together with his earnestness and ability to write makes his column one of the most interesting in the paper.

News editor, Miss Margaret Allen, '15, is a hustler and will do her part to keep the paper as newsy as possible. Notice the news items after this week.

Mailing clerk, Alfred Papworth, '15 a worker, who will see to it that your papers are mailed every Tuesday.

staff goes on the supposition that everyone who has been connected with Alma in any way, wants the Almanian sent him. Consequently we are sending this issue to all such. Now for our own convenience, we ask that all those who do not want the paper this year, or do not intend to pay for it, would right up and say so. Thirty-two issues cannot be printed for a trifle, and the postage thus saved would be considerable. From past experience it is very necessary that every cent be saved.

The Almanian Publishing Co. is ready to receive back subscriptions, as well as new ones:

ALUMNI NEWS

It is with feelings of pleasure that your alumni editor draws before him a pile of hotel stationery about an inch deep and begins to chronicle, for the opening issue of the Almanian, the doings and sayings of some of Alma's former men and women. That the fair reader may know that it is a great pleasure let him cogitate for a moment upon the fact that the aforesaid editor left a good soft bed fifteen minutes ago, (it is now 5:15 a. m.) to pull together this column before the beginning of the regular duties of the day. But, as was said before, it is a pleasure and always has been, to talk about the men and women of Alma. It is pleasing to meet them in all parts of the state and to note the successes achieved in their various lines of work. It is gratifying also to hear, through the press and personal correspondence, their achievements in all parts of the country and the lands beyond the sea. The Almanian will strive throughout the year to publish at least a column of matter per week pertaining to the Alumni and former students of the college, and in this column, from week to week there will appear as much of news as the editor may be able to obtain. His work can be greatly aided and the efficiency of the paper increased appreciatively by letters from former students and items that will be of interest to Alumni readers. He will greatly appreciate correspondence mailed to his address at 1339 Washtenaw avenue. But how about some Alumni notes for this issue of the college paper. Now Mr. Thompson, you, will see that one reason why it is difficult to edit the Alumni news this week is the fact that in two hours from now your reporter along with one hundred fifty people, including several Alma worthies depart on a pleasure trip of four days duration to Put-in-Bay. Among those of Alma's former men will be present are Fred. Fullerton '96, William (Billy) Winton, '04, Robert Cook, '12 and Miss Ruth Cook, (the last is not a former man, but a present woman, being a member of the class of 1914. It is a meeting of the agents of the Mutual Benefit Insurance Writers of Michigan. Mr. Fullerton is District Manager at Jackson while Mr. Winton is one of the officers of the company at New Ark, N. J. Winton has been with the company eight years and is now one of the five men whose names appear in the annual report. "Bob" Cook and your reporter are a couple of agents, the former at Jackson; the latter at Ann Arbor, when he is home. With the pleasure of this ride on Lake Erie ahead it is hard to think of other things, but there are items may be written yet before the boat leaves.

One of the happy surprises of the late summer was the wedding at Bessemer, Mich., on August, 25, of Fred. C. Dickenson and Miss Hazel Fraser, '09. They will be at home after October 1st in Tecumseh.

Miss Helen Cook, '08 and Mrs. J. W. Robinson spent the summer visiting the different cities of Europe. Miss Lillian Hunt, '06 was a member of another European party and visited her old home in England during July and August. We shall hear from these people later more extensively in regard to their travels.

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THE ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 6:45. Subject—"Motive". E. A. Thompson, leader.

Y. W. C. A. meeting—Sunday afternoon. The president will lead.

Y. M. C. A. meeting—Sunday evening 6:00. Subject: "Habit." The president will lead.

WHY WE DID IT.

Heretofore the first issue of the Almanian has not been published until the third week of college. By a unanimous consent the cabinets of the two Christians Associations agreed last June not to issue the "Student's Hand Book" of information. So the Almanian staff has decided to publish the topics and leaders of the different meetings, weekly; also to give such information to new students at the beginning of the year as was formerly found in the "Hand Book." So for that reason together with the fact that a great number of changes have taken place on the faculty that will be of interest to our readers we have decided to issue the first number on the opening day of college, the second on the week following.

The staff has had two difficulties to contend with in issuing this number: Separation from the college and from each other made it somewhat of a task to procure the necessary articles and advertising. However we hope that our efforts will be at least acceptable if not appreciated by our readers.

Now the constitution calls for only thirty-two issues yearly, so to overcome this difficulty we have decided not to issue the paper Thanksgiving week of semester examinations, College activities are at low ebb during these two periods, and it will give the staff an opportunity to take a breathing spell.

WHAT THE ALMANIAN STANDS FOR.

The Weekly Almanian is the college paper. It aims to portray the life and spirit of the college and to emphasize the elements that help to make good, clean, upright manhood and womanhood. It represents Alma college both here and elsewhere, as much, if not more than any other departments. In spite of all the staff can do it can never produce a successful paper unless the college is back of it. Students, Alumni, friends, all must stand ready to help. The staff will do its part. With your help we can produce a paper that Alma can be proud of. Without your help we can't.

Alumni, if you have confidence in your weekly, and are interested in Alma College, as we feel sure you

are, then don't be afraid to spend some time and thought on it. What is of interest to you as an alumnus of Alma, surely is of interest to us. The address of the Alumni editor is 1339 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor, Michigan. Mr. Hurst is always anxious to hear from you. Your column adds dignity and value to life on the dear old campus.

The Almanian will strive to report every activity of all classes, societies and organizations of the college entirely free from prejudice. Every class and society has its Almanian reporter and if that organization is not reported, ask the reporter, "What's the matter?" Now, reporter, don't feel so overwhelmed with the honor conferred upon you and forget that you have something to do. Start now and do your work.

We stand for co-operation and heartily ask the co-operation of every person that is interested in Alma. We are human and it may seem to some that the Almanian is prejudiced. And so, my friend, before you send broadcast your seemingly just criticism, remember that we are trying our best to give everybody fair play and no favoritism.

"Who is Who" in Alma College.

Below is given a list of the leading organizations of Alma College with their officers.

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President—Marian Hartness, '13.
 Vice-Pres.—Della Struthers, '13
 Secretary—Margaret O'Neil, '13
 Treasurer—Maud Hooper, '13.
 Y. M. C. A.

President—E. A. Thompson, '13.
 Vice Pres.—John Landon, '13.
 Secretary—A. C. Edgerton, '13.
 Treasurer—Lester Von Thurn, '13.

ALMANIAN STAFF.
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ALPHA THETA.

President—Maud Hooper, '13.
 Vice-Pres.—Beryl Broderick, '13.
 Secretary—Bertha Hubbell, '14.
 Treasurer—Margaret Allen, '15.
 Critics—Margaret O'Neil, '13 and
 Oelia Creaser, '14.

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President—Della Struthers, '13.
 Vice-Pres.—Ruth Robbins, '13.
 Secretary—Marcella Adams, '15.
 Treasurer—Faith Welton, '15.
 Reporter—Susie Brown, '15.
 Sentinel—Gladys Dershem, '15.

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 Vice-Pres.—Valetta Soper, '15.
 Secretary—Josephine Butler, '15.
 Treasurer—Esther Shepherd, '15.
 Pianist—Anna Froelic, '15.

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President—Helen B. Cook.
 Vice-Pres.—Bertha Bielby.
 Secretary—Helen Mitchell.
 Treasurer—Florence Rosema.
 Reporter—Ruth Robinson.

PHI PHI ALPHI.

President—Lester Von Thurn, '13.
 Vice-Pres.—George Brilmeyer, '13.
 Secretary—Paul Austin, '15.
 Treasurer—Rex Van Dusen, '13.
 Critics—Claude Satterlee, '13, and
 Milo Hogan, '14.

ZETA SIGMA.

President—E. A. Thompson, '13.
 Vice-Pres.—A. C. Egerton, '13.
 Secretary—Addison Wilson, '15.
 Treasurer—Clifford Carey, '15.
 Critics—Leon Kolvoord, '13, and
 John L. D. B. Landon, '13.

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The tennis courts have received very flattering attentions this summer and are in the finest condition. The contractor for the brick pavement in the city kindly consented to loan the college the use of the steam roller and after the application of such an insistent pressure the surface of the courts looks like the Roosevelt boom after the Chicago convention.

Of course this work is solely for the men who are physically and mentally unable to play football, but it is the duty of you men who can, to help Alma win by geting out and trying to make the team.

Literary Societies.

There are six active literary societies. The Zeta Sigma and Phi Phi Alpha are for college men, the Alpha Theta and Philomatheon societies are women's organizations. The Froebel society is for the members of the Kindergarten Department, and the Euterpe for the Music girls.

These societies are a means to develop your literary talent and the power of public speech. of the past few weeks.

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An editorial in the Presbyterian Examiner last week in commenting upon the statistics of the church in Michigan noted the fact that the Woodward avenue Presbyterian church of Detroit, was the second in membership in the state. This church which has over 1100 members was organized less than five years ago by Rev. S. L. Divine '98 and has now a \$100,000 building with a \$10,000 pipe organ. It is one of the most aggressive Christian organizations in the world.

Harlow Whittemore '09 will pursue a graduate course in architectural engineering at the University of Michigan the coming year, he having received the scholarship awarded to Alma by the graduate school of the U. of M.

Miss Donna Hill kg '01 will attend Columbia University during 1912 and 13, taking special work in teachers' college.

Prof. G. B. Randels' who taught psychology in the summer school of the Central State Normal the past season.

George Alexander Mitchell is the young man who arrived at the home of Prof. and Mrs. J. E. Mitchell a few weeks ago. Another for Alma's future classes is Miss Catherine Jean Campbell who came to live with Mr. and Mrs. Roy R. Campbell at 315 Helen Ave., Detroit.

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ASSOCIATION GREETINGS.
 Two of the most important and active organizations of the college are the Young Men's and the Young Women's Christian Associations. Through these associations a large part of the social activities as well as the religious work are carried on. These organizations are constantly becoming more active, and are more strongly supported by the members of the college than ever before.

Friday night of this week the Y. M. C. A. members invite every man of the college to the "Stag Reception" given in the association room in Pioneer hall. The ladies invite every woman of the college to a reception at the same time given by the Y. W. C. A. members in the Wright hall. These are to help the new and the old members of the college to get acquainted with each other and to start out the year in the proper way. No one can afford to miss these receptions, and what is more, no student can get the most out of the college who does not affiliate himself with the association work. The time to do it is right at the beginning of the year. Hand your name to any member of the cabinets and become an active worker IMMEDIATELY. The Associations need you and you need the Association work to round out your college training.

Last year the Y. M. C. A. claimed every college man (except one as a member, and this year expects to do even better, by having every man in college a member.) We have the best record in the state now and want to make a perfect one this year.

The Y.M.C.A. last year was none the less successful in its efforts, and with careful plans that are already laid for the coming year, it is expected that this will be the banner term for that association.

One week from Friday night the social committee of these two associations, will make provisions for the big opening reception at Wright hall, and here is a chance for the freshmen boys to break themselves into the "Wright Hall habit." At least every student of the college as well as the members of the faculty are expected to be present and get acquainted with each other. The plans this year are to make this reception the best ever.

Then there comes the regular religious meetings of each association every Sunday evening. These are always interesting and very helpful. They are usually conducted by some student member of the association, and an opportunity is given the members to take an active part. The Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 6:45, (the first meeting will be held tomorrow evening in the college chapel,) is conducted by members of the two Christian Associations. An urgent request is given to begin now and make these meetings better this year than ever before.

Later on or in about two or three weeks Bible classes will be organized and a plan of study will at that time be outlined which will last until the Christmas holidays. The winter term will be given over to Mission study classes. So by an enumeration of some of the things that are done by the Y. M. and Y. W. it is hoped that every new student will at once see the necessity of entering this work with enthusiasm at the beginning of their college course.

Besides all this the Y. M. C. A. sent out two Deputation teams last spring to near by cities, and several calls are now in for teams this fall. Here is a splendid opportunity for any young man to make a practical use of his training. The work is done largely through the county Y. M. C. A. workers. Our own "Grandad" Angel who is now hustling things in Iowa county, has a call in for men.

The cabinets and members of both associations take the opportunity of the pages of the Almanian to welcome the new students to Alma college, and to all the privileges that the Association can offer. Hoping

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