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Women's Oratorical Tonight—College Chapel

ALMA SUFFERS BAD DEFEAT

C. S. N. S. Bests Alma by 44-9 Score on Friday of Last Week.

The Alma College basket ball team was badly defeated by the Mt. Pleasant Normal quintet last Friday evening on the Normal court, being unable to stop Brooks, the Normalites wonderful center, who sent 'em spinning into the netted cage from every conceivable position. The game ended with a score of 44 to 9.

It was the first college game for the local aggregation, while the Normal five had played several games, and was in better condition, but even at that there is no question, but with Brooks working in good shape, that the Normals would have won—and won hands down. Nevitt's court team is a wonderful one this year, the best that the Central State Normal has ever had. It deserved to win.

Alma put up a fine defensive game all through the forty minute battle, and in the second half the Normal forwards were held down to the fine points, Tambling of three forwards used, being the only forward able to cage a counter.

Crittenden at center played a "bear" of a game, outjumping the Normal star, time and again, mixing in the teamwork well, and putting up a fine defensive game. Captain Tebo and Mills also looked good on the defense.

The Normal guards, particularly LeCronier, were of high class and the Alma forwards got little opportunity to show anything.

The Alma team played a good game for the opening game, although at times the passing was poor, but this is usually expected in a first game. The big Normal victory was not due to Alma weakness as much as it was to the Normal's strength.

Lineup and summary:
Alma—9 Pos. Normal—44
Richards L. F. Beddow
Smith R. F. Mooney
Crittenden C. Brooks
Tebo L. G. Shelton
Mills R. G. LeCronier

Substitution: Alma—Gaffney for Smith, Boyne for Richards, Payne for Crittenden, Crittenden for Mills; Normal—Tambling for Beddow.

Field baskets—Brooks 10, LeCronier 4, Beddow 2, Mooney 2, Tambling, Tebo, Gaffney, Richards.
Fouls—Brooks 6 out of 10; Richards 0 out of 2; Gaffney 3 out of 5.
Referee—Hoolihan, Mt. Pleasant.

PRAYER MEETING

The mid-week prayer meeting was led by William Amos, and without question it was one of the most successful which has been conducted this year. Mr. Amos made a strong appeal for the more active living of the Christian life among the college students and urged very forcibly that with the new year there be a greater interest taken in the work of the Christianizing, in a practicable way, the student life of Alma.

It was unfortunate that only a few were present at the meeting. As the prayer meeting is meant to be a stimulus for more active Christianity in the daily lives of the students, it is not expecting too much of the men and women to devote half an hour a week to attend the prayer meeting. An urgent appeal comes to The Almanian from the committee that more interest shall be taken by active support in the matter of attendance.

A non-essential citizen is a man who hollers his head off about wrong conditions, but who is either too cowardly, too lazy, or too selfish to lift a finger to change them.—White and Blue.

NEW PROFESSOR

Professor Royer Will Succeed Hosmer in Music Department.

Professor Clifford Royer has been secured by President H. M. Crooks of Alma college to take charge of the department of music, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Professor Hosmer.

Professor Royer is a graduate of the University of Kansas with an A. B. degree. He specialized in music while there and during the next five years studied under private tutors.

He was at Shurtleff college, Alton, Illinois, for five years prior to the war, leaving there to go into the United States infantry. He saw a year of service in France, and then studied for a time at the Mont-Pellier school of music in that country, this school being affiliated with the National Conservatory of Music in Paris.

With Professor Royer at the head of the Music Department great things are looked for. His personality is one which will appeal to the men and already he has taken hold of the situation at hand. Alma is indeed fortunate in securing the services of such a man.

The position to be filled is one of extreme difficulty as Professor Hosmer, without doubt, brought the department up to a very high standing and it is no easy matter for a new man to take up the work.

"THE MESSIAH"

The second number of the Lyceum course, Handel's "Messiah," was given by the Alma College Choral Society assisted by outside soloists, under the direction of Prof. Hosmer, Wednesday evening, December 17, at the Presbyterian church. The soloists and chorus were accompanied by Miss Grace Roberts at the organ and Miss Hazel D. Crosby at the piano.

The rendering of this great oratorio is always appropriate at the Christmas season, dealing as it does with the prophecy of the coming of Christ and its fulfillment. Although written so many years ago, it still lives, a work of inspiration which can never die.

The soloists were Mr. Wm. Wheeler of the University School of Music of Ann Arbor, Miss Helen Clark Moore of Wells College, soprano, and Miss Leora Doolittle of Central Michigan Normal, Mt. Pleasant, contralto. Although the entire program met with the approval of the audience probably the parts most enjoyed were the two solos, "He Shall Feed His Flock," sung by Miss Doolittle, and "Thou Shalt Break Them," sung by Mr. Wheeler; and the celebrated Hallelujah Chorus sung by the Choral Society directed by Prof. Hosmer in his usual inspiring manner.

Y. W. C. A.

A rather impromptu meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was held Thursday evening. After a brief song service, the questionnaire, as sent out by Wise Peters, our field secretary, was discussed. The different ideas upon our own organization's responsibility of service, church interest, and Christian principles, were advanced by various girls. The meeting was helpful, and showed how much better off we are in our religious atmosphere than all larger colleges and universities, whose foundations are laid more for intellectual gains than spiritual growth.

The kitchen at West Point is a model of electrical development. Several barrels of potatoes used daily to feed the cadets are peeled by a machine driven by electricity. The silverware is polished, eggs are beaten, meat and vegetables are chopped, and dishes are washed by the same power.

REPRESENTED IN DES MOINES

At International Convention of Student Volunteer Movement.

Johanna Ritter, Wilhelmina Ritter and William Amos had the privilege of attending the above-mentioned convention held at Des Moines, Iowa, December 31 to January 4. Sinclair Tebo had also been elected a delegate, but circumstances made it impossible for him to attend.

The Coliseum, at which the delegates gathered, was an inspiration in itself. Picture to yourself, seven thousand young people eager, expectant, joining heartily in the singing of the hymns. On the platform were seated gray-haired missionaries, men and women in active Christian work. Each state in the United States had its own section, marked and labelled. Alma soon became acquainted with the rest of the Michigan folks, and felt itself fortunate to belong to a group of men and women so loyal and sincere. Yes, Alma is proud to belong to Michigan. Our section was in a remote corner of the second balcony; we looked down upon a sea of faces. The foreign students were seated in the main body of the coliseum, Indian girls with their pretty colored draped costumes, Indian boys, wearing gay-colored turbans, little Chinese and Japanese men and women, curly-haired negroes, students from Great Britain, Canada, France and Russia—in all forty countries were represented. Students from over a thousand colleges and universities were here gathered.

John R. Mott presided at the meetings and made the opening address. Robert E. Speer spoke several times, and we had the privilege of listening to addresses by Sherwood Eddy, Dean Brown of Yale, Wm. H. Foulkes, Charles W. Bishop of Canada, Bishop McConnell of Denver, and many more. The key-note of the convention seems best expressed in the verse, "He who would be the greatest among you must be the servant of all." The great need of Christian men and women to help solve the problems of the world today, was made clear to us when we realized the inadequacy of the non-Christian religions. The president of Allahabad College, India, spoke of the failure of Hinduism, and Dr. Zuvener of Arabia carefully and accurately told of the work and failure of Mohammedism.

The convention left us with the impression of the bigness of God and the littleness of the world. Who would not serve him?

LEAVES COLLEGE

Prof. Hosmer Goes to Other Fields of Labor.

A change occurred in the personnel of our faculty during the holiday recess which deprives us of the services of one of its most valuable members, Professor Hosmer. Prof. Hosmer has only been associated with us for a year and a half yet in that short time has made a splendid record. The war rather curtailed activities last year but this year matters were progressing finely.

The choral society made a splendid showing in its rendition of the "Messiah," at Christmas time. The work in the studio and the Glee club have also been most satisfactory. Prof. Hosmer leaves to accept a very good position at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. The good wishes of the student body go with him.

TO TAKE STRAW VOTE

College To Ballot on League of Nations This Morning.

A telegram has been received from the editors of the Harvard, Yale, Princeton and Columbia university papers asking for a straw vote on the League of Nations by both the students and faculty of the institution. The telegram said, "We the undersigned are today sending to the undergraduate body of your institution a request that they take a referendum vote on the peace treaty situation on January 13, the vote to be taken separately for faculty on one hand and student body on the other. This movement has the endorsement of an advisory committee consisting of Presidents Hadley of Yale, Lowell of Harvard, Hibben of Princeton and Butler of Columbia." Everyone will be asked to declare himself yes or no on the following propositions.

1. I favor the ratification of the League and the Treaty without amendments or reservations.

2. I am opposed to the ratification of the League and the Treaty in any form.

3. I am in favor of the ratification of the treaty and the League but only with the specific reservations as voted by the majority of the senate.

4. I favor any compromise on the reservations which will make possible immediate ratification of the treaty and the League.

The utmost discussion on the proposition is asked for.

Later two other propositions were received one from Senator Lodge, leader of the Republican majority in the Senate, the other from G. M. Hitchcock, leader of the Democratic minority in the Senate.

The fifth proposition suggested by Senator Lodge, is

"I favor the government proceeding to make peace with Germany at once and leaving the question of a League of Nations to be settled afterwards."

The sixth proposition, suggested by Senator Hitchcock, is

"I favor a compromise of the reservations of such a character as will avoid the danger of defeating ratification while still making clear that America can only be involved in war by a declaration of Congress, that domestic questions and the Monroe doctrine are entirely outside of the League, that plural votes of a member are all disqualified in the event of a dispute wherein we are disqualified from voting and that on deciding to withdraw we are to be the judge of whether our obligations have been met."

Considerable interest is manifested in this proposal and there is no doubt that the result will be of considerable interest and value. Tuesday morning, in chapel is the time set for the vote, here.

KAZOO NEW

RIVAL IN DEBATE

New Member of Triangle to Replace Olivet in the Inter-collegiate.

As the time approaches for the local oratorical contests which are to determine Alma's representatives at the State Intercollegiate contest, it might be well to take an inventory of might be well to take an inventory of The rather apparent lack of interest in this line of college activities is difficult to explain this year. For the previous two years we have laid the burden of the blame on the reduced attendance due to the war. But that convenient bearer of blame no longer exists and if we are to explain the lassitude of the student body in this matter we must look elsewhere. This year with a very normal attendance, the presence of an able instructor in English speech and pecuniary inducements for entering the contests our former explanations fall to the ground. There need be no attempt to explain this, but this is a suggestion to the student body. Is there any adequate reason why there should not be a lively interest in oratory and debate? Is it not worth the time and energy of any student to go to it?

At a recent meeting of the directors of the Michigan Oratorical league, several matters of interest were brought up and discussed among them the matter of judging the state contest. For several years there has been apparent dissatisfaction with the present system. But the directors have been unable to get through a constitutional amendment that would better conditions. Under the present system, each college submits a list of twenty names of men throughout the state who would be eligible to act as judges. From these are drawn by lot the men to act, providing it is possible for them to do so and they are not protested. Last year the one judge plan was proposed in a constitutional amendment but the amendment was not ratified. This year there was a new system of judging set forth in an amendment proposed by Albion which promises to win favor. It is known as the expert judging system and has been tried very successfully during the last two years by the Northern Oratorical League which includes Northwestern University and the universities of Wisconsin, Minnesota and the Dakotas, a league whose number of institutions is approximately the same as the M. O. L. This system may be said to be expert judging on a large scale, since the ordinary board of judges is done away with and the heads of the public speaking departments of the several institutions act as a board of judges, each one rating every contestant except the one from his institution. The judges absolutely ignore the presence of their own representative and rate the other six, thus each man receives six ratings. Results of contests judged in this manner have been very successful and the unanimity of the decisions of the board of judges was very striking. Suffice it to say that the amendment including provisions for the installation of this system has already been ratified by the local council and it now looks as if the amendment would become part of the constitution at the next meeting of directors of the M. O. L.

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New Era Lyceum Course

RALPH DENNIS, January 21.

THE WHITEMORE TRIO
AND WILLIAMS, February
2.

MAUD BALLINGTON BOOTH,
February 12.

MARGARET STAHL, March 3.

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VREELAND EDITOR-ELECT

Frank Vreeland, class of '22 has been appointed to the editorship of the Weekly Almanian for the rest of the year to complete the term of the present editor, Myrddyn C. Davies, who leaves at the end of this semester.

Mr. Vreeland has had considerable experience in High school newspaper work, and under his direction it is expected that an exceptional sheet will be published. The editor-elect is a member of Phi Phi Alpha Literary society.

The earnest support of all the students is looked for in order that the Weekly Almanian may be made a more cosmopolitan paper and that it may be the best edition in the history of the publication.

MT. PLEASANT VS. ALMA.

It is hoped that with a crushing defeat such as Alma suffered last Friday night, an accompanying spirit of dejection and lost hope will not be found. Such a feeling quite frequently finds its way into the spirit of a school when an athletic team meets a rather bad defeat in the early part of the season, and the Almanian is taking this method of warning the students and supporters of the team that Alma's chances are by no means lost. First, Mt. Pleasant is not in the M. I. A. A. Again Mt. Pleasant is now as strong as she will ever be this season. That is always the case with the Normals. Too, Alma has played but two games to Mt. Pleasant's five, and she has been on the floor many more weeks than Alma. Taking these few matters into consideration, there is lots of place for our spirit to still retain its highest pitch. The Alma team is without doubt, one of the strongest which has ever appeared on the floor, and with that it must be remembered that Anderson is out for the year, but Alma has the makings of a championship team. Prospects are great. Alma's coach is one who has the entire spirit of Alma as few others coaches have in the colleges where they are coaching. The team is one which can be depended upon, now it is up to the students to maintain their spirit all through the season.

The women's oratorical contest is at hand and the men's contest only a week away. The Almanian has throughout the year urged upon the student body the importance of this event and even yet wishes to give any impetus possible to the proceedings. The value of training in oratory is undeniable, that there is a desire for Alma to make a creditable showing in the state contest in the spring is unquestionable—the result to be expected would be large interest among the students and a long list of extracts. Yet it is feared that such will not be the case. What is the matter Alma? It will do no good to bemoan our misfortune or point out the cause of the trouble after trouble comes. Now is the time to overcome obstacles and strain every nerve toward the attainment of success. It has been the plan and it has always worked out that the college literary societies should be the instruments to work up interest in this field and to get its members out. There was a healthy spirit of competition in the arrangement which in no wise hurt college spirit. This year, however, it has been hinted that that spirit is not functioning properly; from such a miscarriage deleterious result, only, can follow. For the good of Alma it must not be. Let us see every society sending a good big representation into the contests this week and next. Put the thing over with the true Alma spirit. Get some pep!

Every association or body of any kind to be successful must be well rounded and symmetrical. It must

take an active part in all phases of school activity. The representation of each society in these coming contests will be a real criterion of their status.

Let's go—Alma!

To expend \$1,000,000 in the next five years for the development of the college Prohibition movement in every college and university of the world is the program adopted by the national convention of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association at Des Moines, Iowa, Monday, January 5th. This program, first worked out in a conference with the leaders of the national prohibition organizations and then approved by the board of directors of the I. P. A., met with the hearty approval of the student convention.

The program includes a continuance of work in the colleges of America for enforcement of law until National prohibition is a settled fact in the social life of the nation. The Foreign Department plans first a monster memorial-petition from the university students and professors of North America to convey their approval of the idea of national prohibition, this statement to be printed in various languages and sent to students all over the world. A world student magazine in several languages, an international college news service to educational journals, the furnishing of expert organizers and especially speakers in countries where anti-liquor sentiment is already advanced, prohibition missionaries to countries where anti-liquor sentiment is small, international oratorical contests, preparations of books and literature and their publication in many languages, and financial aid to native student anti-liquor organizations, are some features of the program.

The French Government has published a booklet, to be distributed as a memorial to all officers and men who served with the American Expeditionary Force in France. This memorial will be distributed through the Army Recruiting Service, throughout the United States.

It is to be regretted that the supply of this booklet is so small that it cannot be distributed generally, for it contains abundant proof that France as a nation and the French as individuals appreciate in full measure the glorious record of American arms in the war on Prussianism. The memorial voices the feeling of France toward America and America's noble sons who were over there, not omitting those who gave their ALL for liberty.

The memorial, in fact, is a history in tabloid form of America's participation in the War, beginning with Cantigny where the gallant 1st Division made history, to the attack on the heights of Sedan, just before the Armistice was granted.

In the Western Michigan Recruiting District, the American Legion will be asked to cooperate in the distribution of this memorial. It will also be distributed from all Army Recruiting Stations in the District, to all applicants who establish their identity as former officers or soldiers of the American Expeditionary Force.

Another fake idea smashed! For years, pro-liquor men have declared that France, Germany, and other European countries had "solved the liquor problem" by the encouragement of beer and wine and the consequent smaller use of stronger liquors. But a table prepared by the U. S. Bureau of Statistics shows that Germany, France and Hungary not only used more wine or beer than the U. S. per capita, but actually also consumed more strong liquors. And Gabriellson, Swedish statistician, proves that eleven European countries each consumed more absolute alcohol per capita than did the U. S. In 1910, France consumed more than three times as much alcohol per capita as did the United States. In other words, when a people drink largely wines and beers, they also consume more strong liquors than other peoples, and consequently more absolute alcohol per capita.

The Adjutant General's office has begun to send to each state Adjutant General a statement of the military service of each soldier who served in the World War. This work, covering more than 4,000,000 names, is authorized by the Act of Congress making appropriations for the Army for the year ending June 30, 1919.

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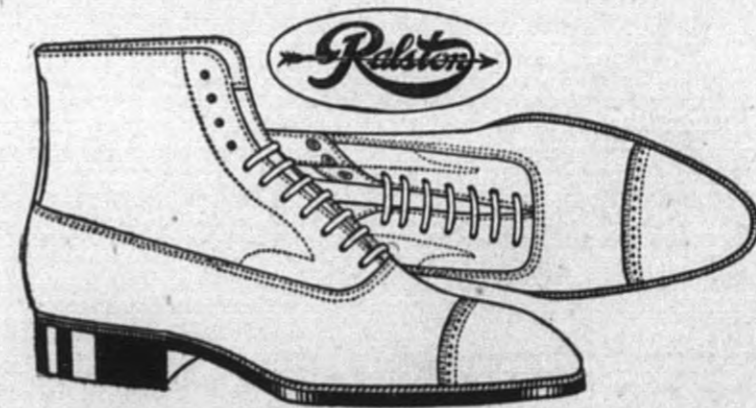
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An increase this year of less than two per cent in enrollment in nine strictly women's colleges, but a gain of twenty-two per cent in women enrolled in co-educational institutions is shown by a Boston Transcript writer. Smith college with 1998 students is the largest women's college in the world, with Wellesley and Simmons second and third. But the U. of California has 3983 co-eds, Northwestern 2685, and Boston and Wisconsin 2368 apiece.

A "Study Concentration Week" was the event at Middlebury College, Vt., Dec. 7-13. No college meetings or gatherings of any kind except those on the official study program. No fraternity meetings, no student parliament sessions, and no prayer meetings. In fact, no activities of any organizations, social, religious or athletic. Everybody was supposed to concentrate on study.

Bodin (in Applied Physics class)—"When can I get that note Miss Davis?"

H. D.—"Oh, you come over to the Hall and I will give it to you."

Frosh Bodin—"All right—what floor do you live on?"

Early Training

"Why have you never married, Mr. Tomkins?"

"I suppose it's because I took the bachelor's degree while at college."—Boston Transcript.

Out of 63 colleges on one list, 22 have endowment campaigns on, and several others are waiting a later day. The total asked by the 22 is \$100,000,000.

Doctor Ewing: "Give a description of the underworld."

Summerfeldt: "I haven't got that far yet."

THE "Y" PARTY

College Men Enjoyed Themselves at Pioneer Hall.

Eight o'clock was the time set for the "Y" party to begin, but it is fashionable to be late, and Pioneer Hall is nothing if not fashionable, so the crowd began to gather about half an hour late.

Much interest was evidenced at first in the grand checker tournament between Williams and Waggoner which was going on in one corner of the room, but when a challenge to try knocking a cork off a tin can while walking rapidly past was issued, the checker tournament was left to its fate. There were those present who could knock the cork off, but many more succeeded in hitting only the can.

Then Bill Richards made the arrogant boast that he could guess any one who paddled him, and the fellows crowded round to exercise their arms and incidentally disprove the boast. Unfortunately for Bill, he seemed unable to guess the right person at the right time! Although Mac Payne confessed regularly to being the swatter, Richards was unwilling to convict a man on his own statement, so he guessed someone else, whereupon Mac swatted Bill again as soon as his head was down. In spite of his innocent expression, Waggoner regularly roped in, and Schemmerhorn found that even a former good reputation would not save him from being found out.

After that there was some exhibition dancing by Messrs. Barnhart and Richards, which continued until Payne shouted "Come and get it," and the mess line formed. Someone was heard to remark that it "would seem like old days if there was some mud," but another voice admonished the first speaker to "chase back and get his mess kit," and he subsided. Finally everyone was supplied with a cup of coffee and a doughnut, and some were lining up for more. MacDonald achieved the record with seven cups of the brown beverage and a commensurate quantity of doughnuts.

When the coffee was all gone and the doughnuts had departed, a few more stunts were performed and then the party broke up.

Part of the revellers adjourned to the quarters of Devereaux and Moore, where a lively auction sale was held, despite the fact that nothing was sold. Although the party was officially over, the hilarity continued far into the night, finally ending at about 12 o'clock with the rendition of "Good Night Ladies" by the scrub male quartette, performing in the dark.

THE GLEE CLUB

Spring vacation is but two short months distant, and before we realize it we shall be packing our grips for another one of those famous Glee club trips. Manager Knowles has been working diligently on an itinerary and the prospects are that we will have one of the finest trips that any Alma club has had in recent years. The trip will be to the south and east and will include some of the finest towns of the state.

We were rather worried when we learned of the departure of our Director, Prof. Hosmer, who was giving such efficient service to the club. However, our worries have disappeared now that Prof. Royer has arrived. We are glad to note that he has plenty of "pep" and are sure of rapid progress under his direction.

The trip that is planned this year demands the best Glee club that Alma can produce. We have the material and the degree of perfection we will have attained by March 16, will depend on how much each individual member is willing to put into the project. Lets strive to make our attendance one hundred per cent at each practice, putting the welfare of the club before everything else, for the next two months.

Camp Mills, Long Island, remembered by many Michigan soldiers who passed through there on their way back from service in France and Germany, has been sold for \$327,300, the bid of the Buffalo House Wrecking Company.

The velocity with which electricity travels is even greater than the velocity of light. Experiments have demonstrated that electricity travels at the rate of 186,427 miles a second. Thus electricity could travel to the sun and back in less than 20 minutes.

LIBRARY NOTES

Hereafter the library will be closed at 5:30 p. m. instead of 5:45, daily except Saturday, when the closing hour will be as heretofore, 5 p. m.

Three new wall cases have been added to the Reference room which will shelve more works of reference.

A most interesting paper was read at the Bibliographical Society, Chicago meeting, on the inaccuracies and incompleteness of most bibliographies. The author of the paper emphasized the necessity of giving the writer's full name, that is, his forenames or at least his initials. This is very seldom done; and as a result, hours of precious time are lost in research work, on the part of the scholar, by having to wade through hundreds of cards of the same surnames. Mr. Butler stated that in his own student days his custom was to make inaccurate author and title entries in his note books; then, during his vacations he would go east to consult the libraries of Boston, New York and Philadelphia, and, to his chagrin, be unable to locate the much desired works simply because of his faulty notes and references. He urged that college students—as well as professors—be impressed with the value and necessity of careful bibliographical entries in their own notes, for their own sakes as well as for the sakes of the librarians whose help they seek. It is a well known fact that many professors and students come to the libraries with inadequate references—which with a little more thought or time might just as well have been full and accurate—expecting that the desired works shall be forthcoming at once, but disappointed to find that much time is lost because of inadequate references.

A word to the wise is sufficient.

Another most interesting number of the same program was an illustrated lecture by Mr. William Warner Bishop, Librarian of the Univer-

sity of Michigan, on the printing of the Middle Ages. Slides were given showing how the printers endeavored to reproduce the works of the Monks which had been so slowly and carefully wrought by hand. It is hoped that Mr. Bishop may give this same lecture in Alma within the year.

The American Library Association is taking over an enlarged program as the outgrowth of their extensive war work. The plan is to eventually have books placed within access of every American man, woman and child, on American land or on American ships on the seas, in lighthouses, in prisons, hospitals and other institutions. In order to accomplish this it will be necessary to raise a large sum of money through popular subscription. This will be one of the greatest educational movements ever undertaken, and its true importance cannot be ignored.

Miss Anette P. Ward, librarian of Alma College Library, was among Michigan librarians attending a nation-wide conference of the American Library Ass'n. in New York City, held during the first three days of January. The conference, which was attended by the representatives of more than four thousand libraries, was the first special meeting of the American Library Association in its history of more than forty years. The meeting was called for the purpose of adopting concerted measures to solve important after-the-war problems.

Wife—You are very rude. You yawned four times when I was trying to talk to you.

Husband—You're wrong, my dear; I was only opening my mouth to try to get a word in edgeways.

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How good is man's life, the mere living!
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All the heart and the soul and the
senses forever in joy.—Browning.

Not every man who runneth reacheth
the goal, but he who persisteth
to the end. "The Quest of the Holy
Stone."

One impulse from vernal wood
May teach you more of man
Of moral, evil and of good
Than all the sages can.—Wordsworth.

The Idlehour

MONDAY AND TUESDAY

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CHAPEL TALKS ON LEAGUE OF NATIONS

The League of Nations has been a much discussed subject around Alma during the past week and much interest has been aroused in it. Preparatory to the straw vote taken on the subject Tuesday morning several discussions were held in chapel.

Thursday morning Dr. Randels rendered his views on the League of Nations and gave his audience much to think about. The proposed League of Nations as it stands, he said, would not be satisfactory because it contains the germs of future wars. Russia is still seeking Constantinople. Poland which has been created, is a junker state and may cause trouble. The disposition of the Tyrol, the Saar valley and Austria is not satisfactory and will inevitably call for a reckoning. Notwithstanding its imperfectness however, the League as it stands is a beginning and if it is the best that can be had, is certainly preferable to the old regime.

On Friday morning the views of two students on the League of Nations were presented. Miss Boisott presented the project from the French viewpoint and gave a remarkably clever description of the attitude of the French people and parties toward it. President Wilson's advocacy of an "association of Nations" in 1917 came as a surprise and a delight to a considerable French party, said Miss Boisott. Their hopes were still high when the Peace congress began its work—but she confessed that they are disappointed in the result. The League did not go far enough—it was too manifestly, at least partly, the work of the old conservatives, the men who had always been engaged in that abominable secret diplomacy. Nevertheless, said Miss Boisott as the League as drafted seems the best that we can obtain now, it is accepted—as a beginning.

Miss Boisott's talk was followed by a well thought out exposition by Roland Kern. He evinced great familiarity with the subject and threw much light on it for the students.

All the discussions were authoritative and highly instructive—their advent was welcome.

PHI PHI ALPHA

The meeting of Phi Phi Alpha on December 15, 1919, was given over to business. Tentative plans were made for the annual Lincoln banquet. February 7 is the date set for this, the biggest social event of the year—Alumni please take notice. Mr. Milford of the class of '23 was initiated into the society.

Mr. Porter, an Alma graduate and an old Phi man was present and gave us a splendid talk. It is always a pleasure to have the old men back and Mr. Porter's words were highly appreciated.

The principal work of the meeting was the regular election of officers and this now took place. They are as follows:

President—Melvin Vender
Vice President—Lyle De Barnhart
Secretary—George Olmstead
Treasurer—Frank Vreeland
First Critic—Charles Kennedy
Second Critic—Neil Calkins
Almanian Reporter—Roger Zinn
Marshal—Willard Beshgetoor.
Janitor—Russel Wilson
Asst. Janitor—Clarence Hender-shot.

The society then adjourned to the DeLuxe. While the janitors kindly provided us with treats the new officers gave us their views on various topics. The meeting then adjourned.

The Pessimist

Hail Columbia, happy land!
Profiteers on every hand.
Tax collectors on my neck!
Everybody wants a check.
Hail, Columbia, happy land!
I have got all I can stand!

Prof. Brokenshire (in Sophomore Bible class): "Why did Herodias want the head of John the Baptist?"
J. Howe (in an undertone): "To make noodle soup of."

There is a comfort in the strength of love.

'Twill make a thing enduring, which else

Would over set the brain, or break the heart.—Wordsworth.

She—"But, Captain Brace, why do they always call a ship 'she'?"

He—"Lord, Miss! you wouldn't ask that if you'd ever tried to steer one."

ALPHA THETA

A special meeting of the Alpha Theta Literary society was held on the evening of December 18, 1919. Roll call was responded to by Christmas quotations, followed by a very interesting Christmas program. The "Other Wise Man" by Henry Van Dyke was read by Lura Miller. After the story the following officers were elected for the coming term:

Sentinel—Mable Field.
Guide—Helen Barnes
Almanian Reporter—Persis Robinson.
Second Critic—Marie Louise Boisot

First Critic—Vernie Green
Corresponding Secretary—Louise Osgood.

Treasurer—Jeanne Miller
Secretary—Lauretta Chase
Vice President—Helen Grimm
President—Lura Miller

Alpha Theta literary society oratorical contest was held Wednesday evening. The following orators were chosen to represent the society in the college contest. "Education as a Means of Americanization" by Alberta Bowman. "The American School Teacher" by Leone Waber. The Misses Carroll, Thompson, Ritter and Mrs. Gardner acted as judges.

KAZOO NEW

RIVALS IN DEBATE

(Continued from page one)
Kalamazoo college is to take the place of Olivet in the debating triangle with Hope. Alma surely welcomes Kalamazoo into the triangle and we feel we are to have a very worthy rival. The question for the triangular debate is to be determined soon and it is to be hoped more interest will be shown than there has been in oratory.

Good debating material has been shown in the class in argumentation and there is no reason why Alma cannot have an altogether successful year in this field of work. Oratory and debate however are just like all other student activities in that they must have the unqualified support of the entire student body if anything worth while is to be accomplished. Let us have as many out for these local contests as we do at athletic games. It will be worth while and we owe it to Alma.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

January 16—Open.
January 23—Adrian College at Adrian.
January 24—Albion College at Albion.
January 30—Hope College at Alma.
February 6—Hillsdale College at Alma.
February 13—Hillsdale College at Hillsdale.
February 14—Kalamazoo College at Kalamazoo.
February 20—Albion College at Alma.
February 21—Adrian College at Alma.
February 27—Kalamazoo College at Alma.
February 28—Michigan State Normal at Ypsilanti.
March 2—Central State Normal at Alma.
March 5—Grand Rapids Junior College at Grand Rapids.
March 6—Grand Rapids Y. M. C. A. at Grand Rapids.

First Scout—What are you reading?

Second Scout—A tale of buried treasure.

First Scout—Wasting time again?

Second Scout—No, this is expert advice on how to plant potatoes.—Boys' Life.

"Style may be making the women wear their skirts shorter. But it isn't style that is making the men wear their pants longer."—Exchange.
If Christ had no soul, He was not human, and was not our brother.—Dr. Patton.

Returned Student—"Who is that dude?"

Upper classman—"Oh that's a freshie. He's blowing bubbles from 4 a. m. until mid-night and couldn't carry a tune if he had it in a basket."

Each man hath within himself a continent of his own character. Happy is he who acts as Columbus to his own soul.

Mr. Kemp (speaking confidentially, at the table): "Do you like house-work, Miss Osgood?"

Louise: "Oh, Mr. Kemp!"

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