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W. W. BISHOP SPEAKS HERE

University Librarian Delivers
Two Interesting Addresses
Here Tuesday.

Alma students had the rare privilege of hearing Dr. W. W. Bishop, the librarian of the University, give two lectures last Tuesday.

At four o'clock in the afternoon, Dr. Bishop read a paper originally prepared for the Ohio State Librarians' Association meeting last year. The paper was entitled, "The College Library, a Survey and a Program." The speaker explained that he believed that there were three reasons why libraries exist: First, for instruction; second, for research; and third, as a means of promoting culture. In the first phase, said Dr. Bishop, the most important use of the library is in the study of language. Any well equipped library should have not only a large number of books in English, but many in French, Spanish, Italian, and German, as well as a few in the languages which are not so largely studied. One phase of literature which the libraries have neglected, the paper stated, was the religious phase. Unfortunately most of the religious works in the majority of the libraries are very heavy and unreadable, causing the student to shun all religious writings. A true library must be equipped with a large number of volumes in the more common foreign languages, as well as English, to furnish the student a means of studying the language in its native writings.

The research work done in the library, Dr. Bishop pointed out, depended not only on a complete range of works on the subject of research, but on the facilities for the utilization of the works, as well. Most libraries have the general reading room, the required reading room, and the room in which the research work must be done, in one. Special rooms should be provided for instructors and students who desire to work along some particular line. Another drawback to research work in this country, as the lecturer saw it, is the lack of material for the work. Men who have spent their lives, almost, in such labors in this country are beaten to publication by some foreign scientist who had better library facilities than they.

Dr. Bishop made the startling statement that "the ignorance of fine arts in this country is appalling," as an introduction to his discussion of the library as a means of culture. He then went on to point out the almost entire lack of works that make for culture in most of our libraries, and urged the building up of this particular department. He told of the hundreds of thousands of dollars which the Library of Congress spent in stocking a department on the fine arts, so that now there is at least one collection of such works in our country. But in the average library, these works are generally not found.

The best way that our libraries can be made efficient, the librarian explained as offering a solution for the present conditions, is by co-operation. This is already practiced to some extent in the University library, that institution refusing to buy works on certain subjects covered by the works in the libraries in Detroit and Cleveland. This is the method that must be adopted all over the country. The aeroplane mail service, said the lecturer, will make possible the rapid transportation of books, and make easier their exchange between different places. Dr. Bishop's paper, though prepared originally for librarians, was full of interest for the

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THINGS AHEAD

March 8-9—Dr. Vance.
March 12—Alpha Theta play.
March 13—Philos entertain Phis.
March 13—State Oratorical Contest.
March 13—Zeta Sigma Stag Banquet.
March 14—Y. M. C. A.
March 16—Basketball Edition Almanian.
March 19—Spring Recess.

ALMA DROPS TWO

Team Loses Fast Games to Muskegon and Grand Rapids.

Stacking up against two strong aggregations the Alma college quintet, which has staged a remarkable comeback after a long series of defeats, was downed twice on its week end trip to Grand Rapids and Muskegon.

The Muskegon game was lost 41 to 18, but the score does not show the real class of the game that was fought by Wood's men. The first half was 18 to 11 for the Muskegonites, and was not until late in the second half that Muskegon piled up the big count that it had at the end of the combat. Smith was the star of the Friday night game for Alma.

Saturday night at Grand Rapids Alma gave the Furniture City Y a hot game being defeated by only five points, the score being 24 to 19 for the Y cagers. Hooker, who had seen Smith in action at Muskegon Friday night tipped off the Grand Rapids players to ride him, and it was only the riding of Smith that saved the Y team from a defeat at the hands of the Maroon and Cream. Smith was able to annex only two field baskets during the game.

YPSI IN M. I. A. A.

Michigan State Normal Made Members of the Intercollegiate.

By a unanimous vote of the various colleges of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association, taken by mail during the past few weeks, the Michigan State Normal at Ypsilanti, has been made a member of the Michigan collegiate circle.

The Michigan State Normal will replace Olivet College in the Michigan Intercollegiate, the Crimson having dropped out last June when the college closed its doors. Early this fall the proposition of voting in a successor to Olivet was taken up by the association, and at that time it was understood that four out of the five colleges of the association, were in favor of the admittance of Ypsi, and one against it. Later the other college shifted its grounds and voted in favor of the Normal.

Most of the M. I. A. A. colleges have base ball dates with Ypsi, but whether or not a complete schedule can be worked out, so that Ypsi can compete in baseball is still a question. If Ypsi is not in the race in baseball, it is expected, however, that she will be represented at the annual track and field meet to be held at Albion College in June.

The membership of Ypsi in the association promises to be popular as it will bring into the college circle another strong institution, which turns out strong teams, and will aid greatly in keeping up interest in college sports in Michigan. It is one of the best moves that the M. I. A. A. could have taken.

The action also paves the way for an early enlargement of the association to possibly take in Hope College and Mt. Pleasant Normal. There are several good reasons for the admission of Mt. Pleasant into the association, more probably than in the case of Hope College. Without question such a move would prove popular, and would also put the collegiate association on a firmer footing than ever before, as well as to create a far keener interest in sports in the smaller institutions of the state.

The boy stood on the burning deck,
His feet were full of blisters;

He tore his pans on a rusty nail,
An now he wears his—uncle's.

—Cargoyle.

PHYSICS HEAD RECEIVES HONOR

Accepts Position on Faculty of
University of Michigan
Summer School.

We are sure that all students and friends of Alma will be pleased to learn that Dr. D. W. Cornelius, head of the Physics department of Alma College has accepted a fine offer of a position on the teaching staff of the University of Michigan, during the summer session. The summer sessions of the University are eight weeks in length, running from the last of June until the last of August. Their purpose is to enable students to complete the regular college course in three years instead of four. That is a student may take three terms of



DR. D. W. CORNELIUS

regular college work with four terms of summerschool work and receive credit for four years work. The regular university faculty is employed for these summer schools, both collegiate and graduate work being taught, and the selection of Dr. Cornelius as a member of next summer's faculty speaks a great deal for the standard of our teaching force. The selection of Dr. Cornelius is not only a personal triumph for him but also a fine advertisement for Alma College. It is only further indication of the fact that a small college like Alma can, and does, do a worth-while work along scientific lines.

HILLSDALE'S CLAIMS

Hillsdale College is claiming the Michigan Intercollegiate 'championship, but under the constitution of the association the claim seems weak. The constitution of the association provides that in case of a tie the team having held the title the previous year shall continue to hold it, and that in case neither team held the title, that no title should be awarded. There having been a tie, Kalamazoo College and Hillsdale each having lost one game, the honor must be awarded to Kalamazoo, as that college won the title a year ago.

A like proposition came up just three years ago, when Kalamazoo, Adrian and Alma all tied for first place, and Adrian and Alma both conceded the honor to Kalamazoo at that time, as the Kazooks had won the title the previous year.

The merits of the two teams are not being questioned, and neither is the claim of Hillsdale to the all state honors being questioned, but technically she is not the champion of the M. I. A. A. It would be interesting to see the two teams battle on a neutral floor, but there is little chance for that.

Back our orators—at the station
Friday.

STUDENTS

Ask yourselves these questions:

1. Have I returned the proofs of my picture to the photographer?
2. Have I contracted for a copy of this year's annual?
3. Have I contributed a good joke or snapshot to the Maroon and Cream box?
4. Am I boosting the Maroon and Cream as I ought?

START POLITICAL PARTIES

Much Interest Shown as Democrats and Republicans Organize.

Alma has started something! For some time the sentiment has been expressed on the campus that clubs made up of the adherents of the political parties should be formed to discuss the policies, principles, and doctrines of the various factions. This sentiment crystallized last week Wednesday when two meetings were called after the chapel period, one to form the Democratic club and the other to institute a Republican club among the disciples of the G. O. P. Through an oversight on the part of the Democrats the ladies were not invited to take part in the meeting. The club wishes to assure the female partisans of the Democratic party that their interest is solicited and highly desirable.

Professor Mitchell acted as temporary chairman of the Republicans and opening the meeting with a fiery speech recalling the high principles and efficient government for which the party of Lincoln has always stood. The officers were then elected. Boyne was placed in the presidential chair, Miss Vernie Green was elected vice president; Stanton Ellet, secretary, and William Richards, treasurer. Definite plans were arranged by which the club will be of a material value to the Republican party. A meeting will be called next week and every week thereafter.

The Democrats placed Paul Cash at the head of their organization; James Howe was elected secretary-treasurer. The vice-presidency was left open for a lady. Committees were appointed, and as the Almanian goes to press we are informed that their work has already commenced. There will be various speakers traveling through this part of the state, and it is planned to have them address the club. Local Democrats will also be asked to take part in their meetings. The girls are not to be neglected. A noted woman speaker is to explain to the girls, as only a woman can, the large part that women will play in future politics and also the principles of the party. Party issues will be discussed at weekly meetings.

Many such clubs have been formed throughout the country, and great interest is taken in their proceedings. College clubs such as these are looked upon as one of the most important organizations of the schools. If taken in a serious way they will prove a benefit to all concerned. We need something to quicken our interest in public affairs. The opportunity has come; let us take advantage of it.

PHILOMATHEAN

The regular meeting of the Philomathean Literary society was held Monday evening. The subject for the evening was "American Magazines." Roll call was responded to by the name of a favorite magazine and its editor. After a short business meeting the literary program was taken up. Two-minute talks on American magazines were given by Mildred Gerow, Avis Lane, Mary Gates, Grace Beshgetoor, Leone Brown and Louise Sawkins. The meeting was then adjourned.

Our little girl of 200 lbs. finds after a week of dieting that she only weighs 202 lbs.

ALMA VICTOR OVER NORMALS

Teachers Bow Before Savage
Attack of Alma Quintet—
Score 27-20.

In one of the hardest fought games ever staged on the Alma court, the Maroon and Cream quintet putting up a great exhibition of fight and basketball, outclassed the Mt. Pleasant Normals class five, and won Tuesday night by a score of 27 to 20 in the last home game of the season.

The Alma quintet had to be going at its best to win, as Coach Nevitt brought to Alma, the finest bunch of cagers that the Normal has ever had together, a team that ranks among the best in the state, and has victories over such schools as Hope college in their credit.

The Maroon and Cream, after a bad season from injuries, sickness etc., which had caused Coach Wood to use fifteen men during the course of the schedule, was in fine nettle for the game, full of confidence and fight, although lacking its best line-up. It must be admitted, however, that the lineup was the strongest that has appeared for Alma in any single game this year.

The game was fast and the going rough from start to finish, and at one stage of the second half, when Brooks floored Richards, when the officials had his back turned, it looked as though something might happen for a minute, but the trouble blew over. Alma took a one point lead at the start but was quickly tied by Mt. Pleasant, and from then on during the balance of the half it was just one hot fight for the lead. As the half came to an end Richards dropped in his sixth successive foul, tying the score at 14 points for each team. In the second half Alma held every Normalite safe, except for Taylor, who grabbed all of his teams points for the half, getting three field baskets.

The Alma forwards, Smith and Richards, and Anderson at center, constituted the Alma offensive, and in spite of the brilliant guarding of LeCronier, Shelton and Brooks, managed to slip through the defense several times for field baskets, Smith getting four, Richards three and Anderson two.

The guarding of Moore and Mills was of great class and held the Normal offensive in great style, particularly in the second half, when Taylor was the only Teacher able to land a field basket. Brooks, the wonderful and highly touted center of the Teachers, who has been the feature of every game played by Mt. Pleasant, was completely stopped at every stage of the game, getting just one field basket.

The entire five is deserving of great credit for its splendid victory, which cannot but seem the more brilliant when compared with the early season game at Mt. Pleasant, which the Normals won 49 to 11. To the efforts of Coach Wood, who in spite of disappointment after disappointment this season are praises due. He has gamely stuck and fought it out with the luck factor, and finally downed it.

Line-up and summary:
ALMA—27 NORMALS—20
Richards _____ L. F. _____ Beddow
M. Smith _____ R. F. _____ Tambling
Anderson _____ C. _____ Brooks
Moore _____ L. G. _____ Shelton
Mills _____ R. G. _____ LeCronier

Substitution—Taylor for Tambling.
Field baskets—M. Smith 4, Richards 3, Anderson 2, Taylor 3, Beddow 2, Tambling, Brooks, LeCronier.

Fouls—Richards 9 out of 11;
Brooks 4 out of 5.

Score first half—Mt. Pleasant 14,
Alma 14.

Referee—Davis, University of
Kansas.

Scorers and timers—Nevitt and
Dunham.

The lovely strains of Millard's voice floated up to the third story of Pioneer Hall when Frosh Foster innocently asked, "Is that the new fire whistle?"

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OUR POLITICAL CLUBS

In the edition of February 17, the Almanian threw out the suggestion that the time was at hand when the political clubs of former presidential years should be re-formed. The enthusiasm that marked the first meetings of those clubs last week proved the truth of that statement. Now that the initial step has been taken it might be well to consider some of the problems which must be solved in order that these societies may continue their existence successfully.

In the first place the Almanian feels that it is voicing the sentiments of the majority of the students when it says that the attempt to found a third society, to be termed the non-partisan league, should be discouraged. It is only too patent that the motives underlying the attempt were of a facetious order. Furthermore there is, in all probability, not room for more than two societies that will really be alive and valuable enough to justify their own existence. Inevitably the great majority of the students will come to adhere to one or the other of the two great parties. It will not long be a virtue to be "on the fence." Those who favored such an attempt because they were sensible of their ignorance of political affairs will find on a close examination of the purposes and uses lying back of the other two clubs the answers to their questionings.

Republican and Democratic political clubs were not formed at Alma to furnish an opportunity for the display of party feeling. Neither were they brought into existence in order to propagate such sentiments. Their prime purpose is educational—thus meeting the needs of those who wish to learn more of such matters. Those who hesitate to join either party because they, honestly, do not know whether they are Democrats or Republicans in their sentiments need feel no such reluctance. It is not to be expected that any one will, at this early moment, ally himself irrevocably and thus blindly with either side. We are all seeking a complete knowledge of such matters and can best find it together. In this day when our country needs good citizens as never before, college students should not lag behind, but on the contrary should be the first in the movement. Though the addresses of good speakers, the discussions and the debates, these clubs will help to bring this about. Let us then bear in mind the serious purpose of these new organizations and make them genuine, valuable instruments for the creation of good citizenship.

Since the College Library Acts as a laboratory for the student body and since many cases of flagrant misuses of library material have been reported to the Student Council this body, thru its Committee desires to bring the following resolution before the students for action:

Resolved: That the misuse of the library by students, in taking periodical lists, magazines, books and pamphlets from the building without permission, be censured and that the Student Council be asked to consider such cases as against the student body as a whole, and to discipline those who are guilty.

Be it further resolved that the student body commend the efficient and capable administration of library affairs under the direction of Miss Ward and her associates, and pledge support in building up a spirit of helpful co-operation, that the library may serve the needs of the student body of Alma college.

By the Committee,
Roy W. Hamilton
Charlotte Hawea
Wm. Richards

WORKSHOPS AND SCIENCE

Showing How A Small College Workshop Gives A Scientific Education.

One of the most plausible arguments advanced nowadays against the small college is that scientific students cannot receive a thorough training in them. Opponents of institutions like Alma are fond of saying that since the university has larger laboratories, equipped with a greater quantity and variety of apparatus, it is undoubtedly capable of offering a much more thorough training along scientific lines.

A survey of our own Alma college is alone sufficient to show the fallacy of such a trend of thought. It is intensive study that counts. Pedagogues have long held the belief that it is better to learn a few things well than a great many things superficially. Here is where a small college holds an advantage.

The writer recently visited the laboratories of a large university, well equipped with apparatus as it was, nevertheless the press of students was so great that all periods were limited to two hours each, the student having to give way at the end of that time whether the experiment was finished or not. If the apparatus failed to function properly or for any reason he failed to receive the knowledge desired he must wait until his next appointed time. For instance, one piece of apparatus had twenty-seven strings attached to it by means of which twenty-seven students worked the experiment at one time.

But such restrictions as to time do not exist at Alma college. Extra time and extra attention is cheerfully given to all students. The ambitious students find the laboratories open every afternoon and all day Saturday.

Through the medium of the workshop fundamental physical principles are firmly imbedded in their minds. Many students offer their spare time in making up apparatus. Not long ago a student suspended a block of wood from the ceiling. In a very few minutes he was determining the velocity of a bullet. Last week another student in his spare time very skillfully made a set up by which he was able to determine the magnitude and direction of the pull of gravity at this part of the earth. Another made a prony brake to determine the efficiency of a motor. A Saturday afternoon was well spent when one student made an electric heater for the feed pipe on his Ford. If any student desires to work on something of special interest to him he is gladly granted the privilege. In this way the student requiring special training in certain phases of physical science is given opportunity to receive it.

Thus by giving the student the time necessary for the particular experiment on which he is working, by maintaining a personal relationship between student and instructor impossible in the large institution and, above all, by letting the student work out, through the repair and construction of apparatus, important scientific principles the small college is able to give a scientific training which can well stand comparison with that of the large institution.

VOCATIONAL TALK IN CHAPEL
Without a doubt all who heard the chapel talk on last Friday morning decided that the librarian's life is interesting as well as useful. Miss Pollard, president of the Michigan Library association and librarian in the Grand Rapids library gave a strong appeal for more students to study the library art.

Miss Pollard likened her talk to an auction showing that all that were influenced by the lecture had bought something at the auction.

With the many pleasing illustrations she held the closest attention of the entire student body for twenty minutes during which we learned that one has a feeling of service in doing such work. A librarian meets all kinds of people in a pleasant way and all in all has a happy, joyful life.

Anyone wishing to take a course in library work may attend the school maintained by the Grand Rapids library during the months of July, August and September.

Dr. Notestein—Give the names of the orbits of comets.

"Russ" Gaffney—Elliptic, symbolic and carbolic.

Be down at the train Friday and give our orators a send off.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

How many of you fellows ever even take a look into the "Y" rooms at 2:15 on Sunday afternoons? The "Y" room may be termed the music studio and gymnasium of Pioneer Hall, if we judge by what takes place there most any time throughout the week. We are glad that we have such a place for recreation, and that it is used as much as it is, but don't forget, fellows, that on Sunday at 2:15 the room is used for its main purpose, and we ought to fill it at this time.

Those who haven't attended lately have missed something. On Sunday, Feb. 29th, Pratt lead the meeting and gave us some more very good suggestions for progress in the Christian life. Many of us pray much like the old words, "Oh, Jehovah, incline thine ear into my cries." We may pray fervently, but often it is only in time of trouble, and often we are impatient to receive an answer. Instead of trying first all other sources to cure our infirmities, we should "Come to God" first for ailments. This is a life of temptation, and by flight alone we can avoid. To triumph we must call on God and turn and fight with patience and long suffering.

To be successful against temptation we should withstand at the beginning. In order to do this we must submit ourselves to God's guidance.

In spite of our desire to take a walk, or to read, or do some other thing, let us be present at "Y" meeting next Sunday and we will be repaid many times with help to our Christian lives.

Y. W. C. A.

The regular prayer meeting of Y. W. C. A. was postponed because of the mass meeting until Saturday evening. After a song and prayer Margaret Moore gave a talk on the value of the Eight Weeks' club. She dwelt particularly on the idea that youth is the period of ideal formation and that an older girl, especially a college girl, can help her younger friends in her home town toward a larger idealism and broader spiritual outlook. The Eight Weeks' club is the best way for a girl in college to give immediate service. But every undertaking requires preparations, and so in view of our future summers service the Y. W. C. A. is forming a study class for the purpose of training its members for work with a group of girls in an eight weeks' club. This organization is to be effected next week. The meeting was ended by a song and the usual benediction.

LET'S GIVE THE ORATORS A SEND OFF

On Friday evening, March 13 the annual oratorical contest will be held at Adrian. Miss Bowman and Mr. Dasef are Alma's representatives in the contest. When they leave Alma on next Thursday we want them to know that all the rest of us are behind them and interested in their work. Some of the colleges which are nearer Adrian are sending a delegation of students with their orators, but this is impossible for us. The least that we can do is to give them an enthusiastic sendoff. Let them know that the same Alma spirit which helped our men to win over Mt. Pleasant last week is backing them to the limit. Our orators are representing the college in just as real a sense as do our athletic teams. Now that we have a coach in oratory and debating we should be able to give a reputation in this field which shall equal that which we have established in athletics. If we will show the same enthusiasm we will encourage our men and women to apply themselves more to training along this line, which is surely vital to the institution.

Announcement will be made as to the exact time at which they will leave Alma. Will you be at the train?

ALUMNI

Mr. Frank Bittner, class of 1918, who since graduating has been chemist for the Dodge Bros. and for the Biscoe Motors Co. spoke to the students who are taking Quantitative Chemistry upon the subject of steel analysis. Mr. Bittner has spent one year at Purdue University, having received a two year Fellowship in Chemistry. Mr. Bittner plans to spend next year at the Ohio State University as a Fellow in Chemistry and as Instructor in Quantitative Chemistry.

"The United States is carrying on two colossal experiments in education. One is to conduct its schools largely through the services of unmarried ladies who average three years teaching before they get married. The second is to give education without religion. The United States has yet to prove that it will succeed in either of these experiments.—Prof. Sisson, U. of Montana.

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LIBRARY NOTES

Alma College and Library have been greatly favored with two such distinguished guests of the library world as Mr. William Warner Bishop and Miss Annie A. Pollard, whose coming was announced in this paper of last week. Their presence has been an inspiration to all who had the pleasure of meeting them and of listening to their splendid addresses. They graphically presented their own visions of library achievement, and in so doing have impressed their enthusiasm upon their audiences, and have given a clearer understanding of the breath and true worth of the library movement in America.

The following books have been added to the Library during the past week:

- Poole, M. E. Preparation of the child for science. 1904.
- Bronson, W. C. Short history of American literature. 1919.
- Cambridge history of American literature, v. 1. 1917.
- Chubb, Percival. Festivals and plays.
- Coult, Margaret. Letters from many pens. 1917.
- Crevecoeur, St. J. de. Letters from an American farmer. n. d.
- Dyer & Brady. Primer. 1915.
- Ibsen, H. Brand. Translated by Archer.
- Ibsen, H. Hedda Gabler; & Master builder.
- Ibsen, H. Peer Gynt.
- Ibsen, H. League of youth. & Pillars of Society.
- Kilpatrick, W. H. Froebel's kindergarten principles critically examined. 1916.
- Livingstone, Wm. pub. Livingstone's history of the Republican party. 2 v. 1900.
- Quinn, A. H. Representative American plays. 1917.
- Reinach, S. Apollo; an illustrated manual of art thruout the ages.
- Scott, C. A. Social education. 1908.
- Treadwell, H. T. Reading-literature. First and Second readers.

It was with great pleasure and interest that the Faculty and Students of Alma College listened to the address given by Miss Pollard, President of the Michigan Library Association and Assistant Librarian of the Grand Rapids Public Library, on Friday morning, March 5th. Miss Pollard used for her subject, "Library work as a vocation," and presented the numerous phases of the field in so charming a manner as to make one just long to drive a "Travelling Library" or help in this great service to mankind.

After the address Miss Pollard met privately with those who wished to talk more in detail about her work. Blanks to be filled out and sent to the Grand Rapids Public Library by anyone who may be interested may be found in the library.

The ladies who are on the Committee of the Public Reading Room of Alma met with Miss Pollard to discuss and lay plans for the future, Thursday evening. Miss Pollard also addressed the Alma high school teachers.

THE MEN'S QUARTETTE

It seems that last Thursday the students were due for two unusual treats in chapel. But since the chapel hour is so short Professor West gladly withdrew his part of the program in preference to the Men's Quartette composed of James Hopkins, Clair Ferrigo, Hartzel Lyons, and Stanton Ellet. The quartette had the appreciation of every student from the very beginning of the first number. They were brought back time and time again by the vigorous encoiring of the student body.

The minds of the older students went back to the days of '15 and '16 when the college quartette composed of "Jake" Anderson, "Clint" Seeley, "Don" Smith, and "Chet" Robinson, made a famous reputation for Alma throughout the state. The thought of those who remembered the days of '15 and '16 were that Alma once again has a quartette equal in every respect to the one just mentioned.

"I feel that some such organization as the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association among the students in Japan would be a wonderful factor towards the end we desire—a sober nation. And Japan is everything but that now."—Prof. B. E. Watson, Joshi Sei Gakuin, Tokyo, Japan.

PHI PHI ALPHA

After a short business session of Phi Phi Alpha Monday evening, the society enjoyed a program of special interest, a debate on the question, Resolved that the United States should adopt a system of six months' military training for all youths at some time between the ages of eighteen and twenty. The affirmative of the question was espoused by Hastings, Hendershot and Schimmerhorn, while the exponents of the negative were Perrigo, Johnstone and Petersen. All of the speakers upheld their sides in a most able manner. For the affirmative Hastings pleaded the cause of military training on the grounds of its necessity, Hendershot from the standpoint of patriotism and practicability, and Schimmerhorn in the light of historical precedent. In direct contradiction to the affirmative, Perrigo set forth the non-necessity of military training, Peterson bewailed its wrong principle and Johnstone proved its impracticability as compared to other plans. The arguments of the two sides were so closely balanced, that when the society rendered its decision, the vote of President Vender was necessary to break the tie. The decision was given to the negative. Following the debate, the society adjourned.

ZETA SIGMA

The program for society March 1st was as follows:
 "The Downfall of Clemenceau"—Ewald Swanson.
 "How to Get Rich"—William J. B. Hicks.
 "The Wilson-Lansing Break"—Stanton Ellet.
 "Zeta Sigma Ideals"—Floyd Krueger set forth the aims and ideals of the society in a wonderfully clear and concise manner. Those who were absent missed a fine talk and one that would have helped them live up to the larger possibilities of college life. Hick's paper, prescribing 20th century methods for getting rich quick, showed a remarkable sense of humor, and was worthy of the thought and consideration of the men. Although his program could not be adapted to the needs and desires of every money-seeker, yet we recognize its value, and suggest that it be combined with the marrying of a rich old maid, as a life program.

We adjourned to the DeLuxe where we were guests of the famous Klu Klux Klan, Kern, Knowles and Krueger, who at this day and age, make it their work to intimidate fair young maidens, and court Dad's annoying bull-dog into more friendly relations. Most noble gentlement—may your ambitions be realized and all your troubles be little ones.

Indications point to the fact that Wallace Kemp and Christian Krupp are also seeking membership in this horrible Klan.

DR. VANCE HERE MARCH 8-9

Dr. J. A. Vance D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Detroit, will be in Alma on Monday and Tuesday, March 8 and 9. Dr. Vance will be here as a representative of the vocational committee of the Inter-Church World Movement. A Y. W. C. A. secretary will accompany Dr. Vance here, to work especially with the girls of the college. Dr. Vance will speak on various phases of home and foreign Christian service. In order to give Dr. Vance time for his lectures the schedule of classes has been changed, the chapel hour coming at 9:20 and continuing until 10:10.

BASKET BALL NUMBER NEXT WEEK

On March 16 we hope to publish an edition of the Almanian dedicated to the basket ball team. We had hoped to be able to print a cut of the team but later events have made that impossible. Nevertheless it is hoped to put out an edition that will be a credit to the team that during the past season has put up such a strong fight for Alma. The best way to make this number a success is to have every student interested in it and as many as possible contributing something for it. Any aid which you may be able to give will be appreciated.

The leader of the National Student Union of China declares that seventy per cent of the students of China are ready to die in the fight to rid the nation of corruption and to bring in a rule of honesty and righteousness.

STUDENTS' FORUM

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Being duly organized and ready for business it is altogether fitting and proper that the Democratic club set forth some of the principles and canons under which it will work. Composed primarily of those men who have faith in the Democratic party and its principles, it is here to stay and is staying to accomplish a purpose. It will be observed that the vice-presidency of the club has been left open for feminine representation. The fact that the women of the college were not invited to participate in the organization of the club, be it said, was due to a two-fold purpose in the minds of the club organizers. First, there was a desire that the club might have some definite organization, that it might have something tangible to offer to the ladies of the college in the way of membership. Second, since this presidential election is the first in the history of U. S. in which the fair sex will participate, they felt there would be a desire upon the part of the women of the college to have an opportunity to become familiar with the principles of the two parties and the programs of the two clubs before definitely allying themselves with either club. Let it be understood that there was no desire whatsoever to exclude the ladies from membership, but rather that they might be given an opportunity to understand what that membership implies before assuming it. The Democratic club is composed of those who know what their views are and why they hold them, hence there is no desire to inveigle into membership those who are prone to follow the crowd. On the other hand there is a sincere desire that those who are Democratic in their beliefs ally themselves with the club. To this end a cordial invitation is extended to the women of the college and non-affiliated men also to attend the meetings of the club and feel that its membership is open to them at all times.

What does the club propose to do? The purposes of the club may be said to be three fold. First to set forth from time to time through the issues of the Almanian discussions of the Democratic platform its fundamental principles issues. Second, to treat upon the history of the party and discuss the qualifications, political history, etc., of prospective candidates. Third, to bring to the college from time to time speakers who will be of genuine value to the college body and who will bring about a better understanding of the Democratic party.

SOPH PARTY

Why were so few Sophomore girls down to breakfast on Saturday morning? Well, this is the reason. Considering the fact that class spirit is essential to college life and that many of our girls will not be with us next year, we decided to have a party on fourth floor in order that we might become more unified. What happened up there between Friday night and Saturday morning we dare not tell because of strict censorship. However, I might say that many were the topics discussed and great was the fun. The eats were of course a most important part of the evening's programme. When we came down stairs we found a group of freshman girls in full expectation of a fray, awaiting us. Assuming some of our dignity we sent them to bed and adjourned for the night's repose.

ALPHA THETA PLAY MARCH 12!

Don't fail to come next Friday night! Tickets may be obtained from any Alpha Theta member for thirty-five cents. The cast is as follows:
 Jane Wellington—Margaret Moore,
 Elnora Wellington—Louise Osgood,
 Jocelyn Wellington—Charlotte Hawes; three younger sisters.
 Mrs. Beckwith (An unfriendly neighbor)—Vernie Green.
 Minnette Wellington Lawson (A married sister)—Florence Purdy.
 Gracious Ann Bean (A "cullud pussen" who comes to the rescue of the Wellington family)—Esther Fredricks.

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students who heard it, and proved to be very instructive.

The evening lecture was not only instructive, but very entertaining as well. The slides which were illustrated were exceptional all of them being made from photographs of original manuscripts, and many of them were beautiful. The lecture covered the time of the transition from the hand writing of books to the printing of them. The first slides were of old, written and illustrated manuscripts, showing the different writing used in the different countries, and the beautiful way in which the works were decorated. Every page of some of them was a work of art. The pigments used in making the decorative capital letters were very expensive, especially the blue and it was sometimes scratched off from an old manuscript for use on a new one. The decorated letters were eventually combined with pictures illustrating the text. Following the written manuscripts, the lecturer showed a number of slides of the earlier printed books, calling attention to the fact that their type closely approximated that of the written works, which they were at first meant to imitate. The illustrations of books covered those issued in all the countries of the Renaissance, and proved very interesting in drawing the contrast between them. The lecture brought out a subject of great interest, but one which is little known, and Alma owes much to Dr. Bishop for bringing the topic to us. Few lecture course attractions could equal the two lectures which the librarian of nationwide repute gave to us.

SMALL COLLEGES RECEIVE GIFTS

The General Education board, which was founded by John D. Rockefeller to promote education in the United States "without distinction of race, sex, or creed" has just given \$1,675,000 to colleges and universities. Among the colleges listed are: Westminster College, \$75,000, Cornell College, \$50,000, Drury College, \$200,000. We regret the fact that Alma College did not appear in the list. Denominational colleges have sometimes been barred out but the majority of these gifts are to small denominational institutions.

FROEBEL SOCIETY

The Froebel society held its regular meeting Monday evening, March 1. Roll call was responded to by current events. After a short business session a very interesting paper "Americanization, The Work of the Kindergarten" was given by Jeanette Curtis. Beatrice Harrington gave a splendid talk on "Loyalty to One's Society." The program was closed by a piano solo given by Gladys Ball.

ALPHA THETA

The Alpha Theta Literary society held its regular meeting Monday evening. Roll call was responded to by a quotation from modern poetry. Jeanne Miller read a splendid paper on "Spiritualistic Phenomena" written by Esther Fredricks. The impromptu "Oliver Lodge" and the "Sequel of the Students Revolt" were given by Louise Buck and Leona Waber. Adjournment.

\$250.00 cash and a gold medal are awarded annually to the winner of a Latin League Contest in Wisconsin. Medals are given to the other winners and a trophy cup to the college having the highest average from its representatives.

Six colleges will participate this year. Any student who has made a good record in Latin and has passed beyond the freshman year in college Latin may compete.

The universities of Switzerland face a unique problem. The country has always been an international center, and this has rendered difficult a distinct national university development. In the north the universities incline to German influences; in the West, to the French. Most student movements use both languages, publishing two editions of their journals and holding two conventions.

Bea—"Eddie didn't you feel ashamed at DeLuxes the other night when the three K's treated?"

Eddie—"Why, no."

Bea—"Well you should have and don't forget to do the same as they did next Monday night."

BASE BALL SCHEDULE

April 16—Polish Seminary at Orchard Lake.
April 17—Ypsilanti at Ypsilanti.
April 24—Adrian at Alma.
April 27—M. A. C. at East Lansing.
April 30—Hillsdale at Hillsdale.
May 1—Adrian at Adrian.
May 4—C. S. N. at Alma.
May 7—Kalamazoo at Alma.
May 14—Ypsilanti at Alma.
May 15—Albion at Alma.
May 18—C. S. N. at Mt. Pleasant.
May 21—Kalamazoo at Kalamazoo.
May 22—Albion at Albion.
May 28—Hillsdale at Alma.
June 4 and 5—M. I. A. A. Field Day at Albion.

Let's give our orators a send off Friday.

THE CAMPUS COLUMN

The City of Alma will have the same time during the summer months as held sway during the war, under the daylight saving law, through action of the city commission at its meeting of Tuesday evening.

Under the resolution Alma will thus go to eastern standard time at midnight on the night of April 4, which is set in the resolution as the time for the change of time.

Miss Roberts (In Shakespeare English class)—Mr. Vender, what do you think of Margaret?

Vender—I don't know I haven't sized her up yet.

Will brave Perseus show himself and rid the campus of the dreaded Medusa, the Gorgon.

Prof. Brokenshire (in bible class)—"Mr. Tomion will you tell me the next city which Paul went to?"

Sam—"I-I-I don't believe I know." Prof. Brokenshire—"It was the name of a hat."

Jimmy Howe—"Panama, Sam."

Kern (in Roman History class)—We can form some sort of a picture of the land and of the people of Rome in prehistoric times with the aid of tradition and by comparative anatomy.

Pratts—Rubbers only cost one dollar per pair downtown.

Boyne—Are you going to see that movie "The girl named Mary" Friday night, Fluey?

Fluey—I don't know about the movie but I am going to see the girl named Mary.

Weatherhead had an expression of "Anguish" on his face Friday night.

"Hitherto, the line of demarkation has been between those who favored prohibition and those who were against the prohibition of the liquor traffic. From now on, the line of demarkation will be between those who are in favor of obeying the law, whether their personal views are in harmony with the law or not, and those who will be ready and anxious to violate the law."—J. F. Kramer, Federal Prohibition Commissioner.

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Musical Instruments of Insects.
Buzzing or humming of insects is mainly due to the rapid vibration of the wings, which often strike the air more than 100 times a second, but there is sometimes a special quivering instrument near the base of the wings. Chirping or trilling is due to some sort of "stridulating" organ, one hard part being scraped against another, as the bow of a fiddle—it may be leg against wing.

About the Swingknife.
A swingknife is a wooden sword, 18 to 24 inches long and 8 to 10 inches broad, used to scrape the woody portion from flax; a handful of which hangs over a groove in the standing board known as the swingstock. Swingknives are still used in the manufacture of flax in parts of the Old World, but modern machinery has pretty generally displaced them.

Burmese All Fond of Tobacco.
It is commonly asserted that the Burmese all smoke, and that Burmese babies cry for a cigar instead of crying for the moon. This is not so. But it is quite common to see a lot of little boys and girls in the street making mud-pies and puffing away at big cigars with equal enjoyment.

Hawks Not All Enemies.
The department of agriculture says that of the 50 principal varieties of hawks 47 are of benefit to the farmer since they catch great numbers of rodents that injure crops. It is even said that a hawk on the farm is as valuable as a cow. There are three varieties of hawks that are deadly to chickens and should be shot on sight.

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