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VANCE HERE LAST MONDAY

Two Inspiring Meetings Conducted on March 8; Personal Conferences Held.

On Tuesday, March 9, 1920, we were particularly fortunate to have with us Dr. Vance, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Detroit. Although it was necessary for us to wait a little, because of late trains, we found ourselves well repaid when Dr. Vance did arrive.

Dr. Vance talked to us about the ministry, or more particularly about being a minister. First, he spoke of the consideration given the minister, the manner in which he was treated a few years ago as compared with the manner in which he is now treated. Only five or six years ago, Dr. Vance told us, the minister was regarded as a man filling only one position, having knowledge only of the art of saving souls. But today he is sought in questions of every sort. Even at the convention of bankers in New York, these able business men felt the necessity of consulting with ministers before settling their questions. People are seeing that the success of our nation today is due to a great extent to the God-fearing Puritans and their faithful ministers.

Dr. Vance then discussed the much-talked of question, the pay of the minister, quoting from Mark 10:29-30, "There is no man who hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or children, or lands, for my sake and the gospel's, but shall receive an hundred fold now in this time." He showed that perhaps God withheld money from His ministers because He wished to strengthen their faith. But he believes ministers to be the best paid of men. The minister is repaid, not in money, but in his own work. What could be better pay than to have someone who has never before felt the call to Christ linger until the congregation has gone to tell you of nobler resolves you have inspired through your revelation of Christ? No amount of money could give to the minister the comfort which he receives through such pay.

The third point emphasized by Dr. Vance was the happiness which the ministry affords. The minister finds always what is best and noblest in man. When he enters a group of people, his very presence inspires the use of cleaner language, better thoughts, and nobler actions. They show him their best. If there is anything of beauty or fineness in them, it will be revealed in his presence.

Tuesday evening in Wright Hall, Dr. Vance told us of the place of the Christian workers in the world today. Every Christian has a big task to perform, and a big opportunity awaits him in his particular field. In the work of reconstruction, the Christian must be the leader if he is to fulfill his mission. If, from this turmoil, the world is to emerge better than it was, America must lead the way. She must set the example of Christian leadership. It is the privilege of the church to give to the world higher standards and purer ideals than she had before. In fact, Dr. Vance wished to emphasize above all else the responsibility of the church, for he said, "The church has a patent on holding up to the world the only worthy example of manhood." His plea was for more earnest service and more unselfish devotion to the principals for which Christ died.

Americanization is to be the dominant note of the 1920 University of California Summer School. The program is planned to help towards the solution of some of the problems confronting America today.

GLEE CLUB STARTS TOUR ON FRIDAY ALMA PLACES IN STATE CONTEST



The finest glee club that Alma College ever had will start on its regular spring trip this Friday. Most appropriately the business and publicity managers of the club have likewise arranged an itinerary that will give the club proper scope for the display of its abilities. The club will visit such cities as Grand Rapids, Saginaw, and Flint. Belding, Lapeer, Stanton, Greenville and Ionia are some of the other towns to be visited. Much publicity is being given the concerts in those towns and a rousing reception is promised them at each place.

The members of the club are Clifford Royer, conductor; Hazel Crosby, accompanist; James Hopkins, Wm. Amos, James Beattie, Lee Sharrar, Melvin Vender, Thomas Jackson, Lyle Barnhart, Paul Cash, Clair Perrigo, Hartzell Lyons, Edwin Boyne, Floyd Krueger, Oswald Knowles, Howard Handley, Harold Johnstone, Stanton Ellet, and Jack Sutherland. Clair Perrigo is president of the club, Oswald Knowles business manager, and Lee Sharrar publicity man. Harold Millard will also accompany the club, rendering the songs for which he is

so justly famous, because of his soprano voice.

With this club and itinerary Alma may feel confident that naught but honor and glory will be added to the name of the school in this, the best trip that has been taken by an Alma College Glee Club in many years. After the return of the club, on March 30, the club will render a home concert which will be open to all. Let's boost for it. Stanton will be the first place visited on March 19, while the last concert of the trip will be given at Saginaw on Monday, March 29.

ALMA PLACES IN STATE CONTEST

Miss Bowman Takes Second in Oratorical Contest at Adrian —Dasef, Fifth.

Alma ranked well in the State Oratorical Contest at Adrian Saturday, Miss Bowman taking second place in the Women's Contest and Mr. Dasef fifth in the Men's. The representatives of Hope college carried off first honors in both events. Carpenter of Kalamazoo won second place for that college in the men's contest, and Miss Graybiel of the same place was third among the lady orators. Third among the men was won by Albion.

The general theme of most of the orations was Americanism, especially in our duties and relations towards American immigrants. Several of the orations followed the same line of thought, and because of the sameness of subject matter, it was easier for the judges to decide as to the best presentation of topic.

The Women's Contest was held Saturday afternoon in the chapel of Adrian college. The program of orations was carried out as follows: "The Test of American Patriotism," Miss Doris Alverson of Adrian; "America—For Whom?," Miss Gertrude Pratt of Albion; "Education—A Means of Americanization," Miss Alberta Bowman, Alma's representative; "The patriotism of Peace," Miss Loretha Potter of Hillsdale; "An Age on Ages Telling," the winning oration, Miss Tena Holkeboer, Hope College; "The Potter's Wheel," Miss Marion Graybiel, Kalamazoo; and "The New Conflict," Miss Pearl Bigge of Michigan State Normal.

The Men's Contest was held in the Baptist Church in the evening. The program as carried out was: "The Spirit of Tolerance," William Walker of Adrian; "The Negro Citizen," Mr. Ray Winegar of Albion; "The Marks of the Man," Mr. Dasef of Alma; "Americanization or Dissolution," Mr. Len Latham of Hillsdale; "One Nation, One Language, One Flag," the best oration in this contest, Mr. Harry Hager of Hope; "Where There is No Vision," Mr. H. L. Carpenter of Kalamazoo; and "The New America," Mr. Charles Forsythe of Michigan State Normal.

Alma came very near winning first honors in the Womens' Contest. The total of ranks for Hope and Alma was the same, and only a difference of half a per cent in the percentage average gave Hope a victory. Undoubtedly Miss Bowman's oration was the most carefully thought out and developed but Hope won on Oratorical presentation. Mr. Dasef was only two behind the Ypsilanti contestant in the sum of his ranks, but was eleven points above the man next below him, so that fourth place was lost to Alma by only a slight margin.

A new system of judging was used this year in the contest. Formerly the judges were selected from lists made up of names submitted by the various colleges, but this time they were the public speaking instructors of the various colleges. Each of these men marked and rated all of the speakers but his own; and from the average of the six markings a contestant received, his place was determined.

In view of the results of this contest, and since both the Hope and Kalamazoo contestants at Adrian graduate this year, Alma stands a splendid chance to win in the next oratorical contest. Alma may well be satisfied with the work of her two freshman orators.

Two fair damsels invited Jim and Howard out to dinner Sunday. Those winning ways sure pay. But what about the final settlement? We'd like to be around for the fire works.

BASKETBALL REVIEW

Doings of the Basketball Squad for the Current Year

As one casually turns back the pages of the score book of the 1920 basket ball season his first impressions, on seeing account after account of defeats there recorded, cannot be pleasant, if he is a lover of sport at Alma College. It is not a pleasant reflection.

But digging deeper into the happenings of the season just closed, one must acknowledge that the season has not been so unsuccessful as the scores of the various games might indicate.

A real close survey of actual conditions and happenings surrounding the 1920 playing season must bring forth the thought—what manner of men are these, and what must be the spirit that has actuated them, that they could suffer defeat after defeat, a constant loss of valuable players, and yet not become discouraged, and fighting on with a grim determination, under difficulties such as were never before encountered in a basket ball season at Alma, bring forth a brigade of players at the close of the season that formed a quintet that would compare very favorably with the best in the state.

It has been a season, during which true Alma spirit has again been found, that fighting spirit that cannot be stifled by defeat, but which flames the higher as odds appear greater. The Alma spirit temporarily subdued, caged, so to speak, during the regime of the S. A. T. C. at the institution, has broken its bonds, and is again shining forth, guiding the athletic prowess of Alma to future victory.

In all, fifteen men have been used in games during the present season, and indication of the hardships which have been undergone. To use men enough for three teams in a single season must be a clear indication that few games could have been played, in which the personnel of the quintet was the same as in a previous battle.

Early in the college year, long before time for the basket ball season, Alma's expectations of a winning team were high. They continued to be high until the final football game

in the fall, against Kalamazoo, when fighting an uphill battle against odds, Alma men, basket ball men, who were the stars, were injured.

These were Tebo, sturdy guard, and captain-elect of the five, who last year was named on the second All M. I. A. A. team, and Anderson, center, who for two years had been as All M. I. A. A. center.

The blow was a hard one to bear. It killed all hopes of a winning team, but even then Alma had hopes of making a good showing in the M. I. A. A. race, and under the conditions met with, it must be confessed that the showing was not a poor one, Alma finishing third place in the race, when fighting teams of more than usual strength.

The season opened with a victory, 27 to 10, over the Bay City Industrials. Then came the Mt. Pleasant Normal game at Mt. Pleasant, which was lost 44 to 9, to the greatest aggregation that the teachers have ever had together. A victory over the Union Truck team of Bay City followed this defeat.

These games were followed by the first M. I. A. A. road trip of the year, in which Alma met both Adrian and Albion. Three point defeats were suffered at each place. Captain Tebo appeared for the first time in these games, but not entirely recovered from his football injuries, he did not play the fine guarding game of which he was capable, and did not hit his stride up until the time that he was compelled to leave college, owing to the illness of his mother. It was no fault of his own, however, that he did not play the sterling game that marked his work a year ago.

Against Hope Alma displayed its first real game of the year, holding this state title contender to a six point margin, and hopes began to rise.

Illness then hit the squad, and it suffered bad defeats from Hillsdale, and Kalamazoo, but won from the Adrian and Albion fives which had defeated Alma by three points earlier in the year.

In the final M. I. A. A. game Alma displayed rare form. Kalamazoo College, which had defeated Alma 46 to 6 two weeks previous at Kalamazoo, was given a fine battle, Alma being defeated by the visitors 31 to 21 in a thrilling game.

The following week Mt. Pleasant's sterling aggregation came to Alma with a great season's record behind it, and a confidence in its ability to repeat its first victory over Alma. The Teachers wanted to win—they would rather defeat Alma than any other school in the country. A great game resulted, in which any fair-minded fan who saw the game, must acknowledge that Alma outgamed the Normals, and won strictly on the merits of the game by a margin of seven points. It was a wonderful comeback.

Among the men who aided in the endeavor to give Alma a good team this past season were Howe, Richards, Boyne, F. Smith, and M. Smith, who played at the forwards and showed fine form, Gaffney who stepped into the breach at center, and contributed some fine work all during the season until the last three games, when Anderson was able to get back into a suit. At guards the veterans, Capt. Tebo, Crittenden, Mills, and Moore, a new comer, were used to a great extent this year. They played their best, giving Alma some sterling guarding.

Other men were used at times, Marks Payne, Finlayson, Dhalgrin, being men who got into games at some stage of the season.

Alma appreciates the work of these men, who have fought against odds all during the season. Well did they do their work, under conditions, which were not of the best.

Alma's coach too, is deserving of credit. Hardships he was forced to contend with, were enough to discourage any mentor, but Wood's fire and vim did not falter. He kept at it, and while Alma did not win a championship in basket ball, it must

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TO THE TEAM

This edition of the Almanian would not be complete without some mention in this column of the sentiments and purposes which inspired us to dedicate this number to our basketball team. The stranger glancing over the resume of the season printed elsewhere in this issue might find occasion for surprise in the pride which we so evidently take in a team which has seemingly had a rather poor season. But it would appear thus only to the stranger; no one who has watched the team's career throughout the season, who has seen the spirit and vigor with which they fought against even overwhelming odds, who has been at all cognizant of the ill luck which has dogged its footsteps at every turn would render them anything but applause. Departure from school, sickness and injury, accidents of all kinds, repeatedly obstructed the machine which our coach was trying to build up. It is not our purpose here to review in any detail those things; we merely allude to them. The significant fact in that connection was that the end of the season found a team whose courage and fighting spirit had not been abated one whit, a team that was worthy to uphold the reputation of the school for clean, hard, playing—true sportsmanship.

It is because this can be said of the team that we publish this number. It is a big thing that every student, every alumnus, and every friend of the college should know that Alma College is existing and accomplishing things as of old, and that Alma Spirit is still extant. Therefore, because the team deserves the recognition, and further than that, as an inspiration and a stimulus to further greater endeavor we, the students of Alma College, publish a "Basketball" edition of the Almanian.

Do you remember the drive for an athletic fund last fall? If you do you certainly remember the reasons why that drive was launched. Among the goals aimed at in that drive was the repair of the athletic field. The drive for funds which was made last fall was moderately successful, but further contributions are needed. Alumni and friends of the college contributed loyally to that fund and when we say that further contributions are needed we do not mean that they will be called on again. The completion of the job rests with the student body, particularly with the male portion of that body.

The running track needs many loads of cinders, bleachers must be constructed, holes in the field must be filled up, the fence mended. All these tasks require nothing but strong, willing muscles to complete them. Pioneer Hall possesses an ample store of this commodity. Why not use it? If this work has to be done by hired help the athletic fund will vanish all too quickly, leaving us minus many desired things. The obvious thing to do is to do all the work possible ourselves. We had one campus day last year and it was a gratifying success. We ought to have two or three this year. We can have one regular campus day during the week in the near future and one or two on Saturdays after that. The success of such a plan would be contingent on the measure in which everyone participated in it. Every man should go out and do his bit. The girls can help, not only by cleaning some of the buildings in the regular campus day, but also by lending their moral support to the proposal and frowning on any of the sterner sex who seek to shirk their duty. A little elbow grease, Alma spirit, and the taking of the initial step by our student council will put the thing across.

THINGS AHEAD

March 16—Glee Club at St. Louis.
March 18—First Campus Dance.
March 19—Glee Club Leaves on Trip.
March 19—Spring Recess.
March 29—Glee Club Returns.
March 30—School Resumed.

MISS GERRICK HERE

Interesting Addresses on Inter-Church Movement by Y. W. C. A. Worker.

Tuesday morning, March 9, Miss Gerrick, a worker in the foreign mission field spoke in the college chapel. Miss Gerrick was here under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A., and her remarks were of especial interest to the women of the college; although of interest to the men also. The keynote of Miss Gerrick's talk was the need of more workers in the mission field. As illustrative of this need she portrayed briefly, the conditions existing in India and Japan, today. Women there commonly work from 13 to 18 hours a day and have two days vacation a month. A good missionary could do much to alleviate these conditions. The prime need there is for well educated people who will take special training along the necessary lines and then offer their services freely in those fields. There are so many different fields of action open that no one should hesitate about volunteering.

In the evening Miss Gerrick spoke in Wright Hall. It was a very informal meeting. Miss Gerrick spoke of the sisterhood of girls of all lands, of the happiness of the girls before her, and of the contrast between their lives and that of girls in other countries. Her personal interest and devotion to the cause she upheld roused the latent desires of the Wright Hall girls to share their gift of opportunity with those less fortunate.

During her visit in the hall, Miss Gerrick found time for many personal interviews with the girls and it was during these conferences that her greatest help was given. Those who met her thus intimately, found in a few moments of conversation a greater outlook on the world's needs and a new inspiration to go forth in the Master's name, and meet them. We shall remember Miss Gerrick and her words.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

The Sunday afternoon meeting March 7 was called off to permit the fellows to work on the "go-to-church" canvass. Sunday, March 14, the meeting was led by Mr. Vreeland. Anyone who missed this Bay City word artist Sunday regrets it. A detailed write-up will appear in next week's Almanian.

A class in Personal work has been organized and meets Friday night at 10:15. A lively interest has been shown by a number of the fellows in these meetings. All are asked to take part in the work.

Y. W. C. A.

The meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was held on Saturday evening. Miss Esther Friedrich and Miss Florence Purdy, the associate's representatives to the Conference at Geneva for last summer, told us of their experiences. If they had made up their minds to make every girl in their hearing, just more than anxious to attend next summer, they could not have pictured a more pleasing prospect. The journey there, the lake, the camp, the lectures, the hospital, the "eats" and everything they told of convinced us that it was a most attractive place. Think of meeting girls from other colleges and universities, of our own state, of all the states, of the world, a mere peep into the most beautiful of gardens, a survey of the Yerkes conservatory, the hills and the lake itself, offer immense interest, not to mention the inspiration gained from the biggest men and women in this part of America, which the conference's proximity to Chicago enables it to present to those girls who attend for the sake of keeping their own college and enriching their own lives. We are hoping to have a number of Alma girls there this summer. Will you help us? Watch your chance!

"FARMERETTE" HUGE SUCCESS

Play Presented by Alpha Theta Society in Highly Successful Manner.

The Farmerette, a three-act play was given Friday night in the college chapel by the Alpha Theta literary society. The cast was as follows: Jane Wellington, sixteen and still "unkissed"—Margaret Moore. Jocelyn Wellington, the little Bugologist—Charlotte Hawes. Elnora Wellington, a born home-maker—Louise Osgood. Mrs. Beckwith, an unfriendly neighbor—Persis Robinson. Nan Wellington, the Farmerette—Vernie Green. Minnette Wellington Lawson, an admirer of soulful eyes—Florence Purdy.

Gracious Ann Bean, a colored "pussan" who believes in "Calico-thenics"—Esther Freidrich.

The story tells of four, plucky, motherless girls who refuse to sell the home farm in spite of the advice of an older, married sister. To add to their troubles the grocer refuses to give them credit any longer, and Mrs. Beckwith, an unfriendly neighbor, threatens to make them pay \$300 mortgage again because of a mislaid receipt.

But the girls work hard and the little Farmerette wins out in the end. The receipt is found and a railroad company offers to buy part of their land for a station.

The play was full of laughs from beginning to end. Miss Freidrich represented Gracious Ann Bean in a very convincing way. We have Gracious Ann's word for it that she had the chicken pox once, and we are sorry because there was a lot of her to have it.

The little Bugologist, Miss Hawes, amused the audience with her tomboyish ways and every one admired the presentation of the "Farmerette" by Miss Green in the leading role.

Strangely enough Persis Robinson made a very disagreeable old woman. The part of the married sister was cleverly carried out by Miss Purdy. Everyone wanted to see Timothy so badly.

The two, nice, happy girls in the family were portrayed in delightful manner by Miss Osgood as Elnora, and Miss Moore as Jane.

The whole play was a great success. An added attraction was the lovely scarf dance given between acts by the Misses Buck, Pettibone, LeVanselar and Hughes. Miss Anguish played the accompaniment. Before the play, and between the acts, candy was sold.

PHI PHI ALPHA

The Phi Phi Alpha meeting Monday night opened with a short business session, followed by the initiation of Stuart Pratt into the society.

The literary program included two papers; one on Calvin Coolidge as a presidential possibility, ably delivered by Carrol Wenger; and the other on the post-office administration under Burleson, by Glenn Richards, who explained the causes of the criticisms of Postmaster-General Burleson and gave those who heard him a better idea of what this man has really done. Impromptus on "The College Athlete and Standings" were given by Notestein, Ewing, Amos and Jackson. Williams spoke on "Teaching in St. Louis." The program proved to be highly instructive and interesting. Following this, the society adjourned.

POPULAR COURSE IN VOICE

Prof. Royer has announced that he will give a short course, nine weeks in duration, in voice training after spring vacation. The study promises to be most attractive and comparatively inexpensive as far as individual lessons go. Anyone who likes to sing or desires to learn to sing better should talk with him at once before his time is all taken up. Many Alma students have expressed their desire to get acquainted with the best songs that our American composers offer us so here is your opportunity at the best time of the school year.

ALMANIAN SUBSCRIBERS

Please note the fact that due to the spring recess, lasting from March 19 to 30th there will be no Almanian published between those dates, the next issue coming out on April 6.

NOTICE

Don't forget the 1st campus dance will be held Thursday night at 8:00 o'clock. Place: Somewhere on the campus—definite announcement later. Admission 35c per head. Regulations: Entire affair conducted under, and subject to, recent rules drawn up by student council. Everybody invited! Let's make this affair a success.

GUESTS OF PHILOMATHEAN

Men Enjoy Themselves Hugely At Party Saturday Night.

The Philomatheans were hostesses Saturday night, and the Phis were honored guests. And never were guests more royally entertained. With no small amount of trepidation the Phis followed Miss Ardis from the reception room in Wright Hall up thru unfamiliar passages to the Philomathean society rooms. Once safely inside however, their fear was turned to wonderment for they had stepped into a veritable bower. Festoons of green streamers and shimmering shamrocks were tastefully arranged about the walls and chandeliers, furnishing a pleasant surprise in the line of decorations.

Little time was wasted with formalities, and the fellows and girls soon found themselves sitting on cushions on the floor in a chummy group around the piano singing rollicking Irish songs under the direction of Mr. Peterson. Vocal solos by Miss Mashin, and Messrs. Peterson and Lyons were much enjoyed. Following this every one was decorated with a green hat or sash and the gaiety was begun in earnest. A wild Irish jig indulged in by a half dozen couples started the excitement. Then a theatrical tryout was held under competent critics to determine who were the best actors. Mr. Barnhart and Miss Huff gave an exhibition of long distance dancing. Peterson and Amos put on a vaudeville stunt that would have done credit to Keith's circuit. The critics, Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Kemp were so severe, however, that theatrical ambitions were speedily abandoned and a great "sympathy" orchestra was formed. Mel Vender, the director, lost his patience when he ordered Ping Richards, the bass drummer, to beat it which he did, taking Mel's pillow along with him. A sensation was created when Miss Mashin and Carrol Wenger came driving thru in an automobile, the four wheels of which were Williams, Peterson, Sartor and Barnhart. One after another of them went flat only to be repaired, but when Barnhart blew up the occupants got out and walked. A decided hit was made by Mr. Pratt who sang parodies on "Poor Butterfly" and "Oh How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning." Mr. Pratt is a vaudeville artist of some note, having performed extensively both in the United States and abroad.

After a novel method of selecting partners, the refreshments were served. Sandwiches, cakes, and coffee were followed by beautiful white bricks of ice cream, each inlaid with a shamrock center.

Then came the reluctant farewells, and events of the evening became happy memories.

DR. BARKLEY SPEAKS

The college was furnished a treat last Thursday morning when Dr. Barkley, president of the board of trustees, lead the chapel services. Dr. Barkley took his text from the first chapter of Ephesians, the 15th to 23rd verses. God has given us a rich heritage which we should make use of, he said. He has invested in us, really invested money in us. How much are we paying Him back? We all have a part in His inheritance and should pay rich dividends. Dr. Barkley further brought out the point that God is vitally interested in the church and that although some of us say "I don't care anything about the church" and do not attend, great work will continue to be done through that medium, nevertheless. Christ had "a habit" of going to church Himself, although there was no Christian church to attend in those days and there is now. Dr. Barkley's talks always have much of profit in them, for his hearers and we are ever glad to see him.

ZETA SIGMA STAG BANQUET

Wright House the Scene of Regular Old Time Blow-out Saturday Night.

There are social affairs in the life of Alma College which seem to be remarkable and to instill into the students the old Alma spirit, but it always remains for the Zeta Sigma Stag banquet to bring forth the old-time fraternalism which has meant so much to Zeta Sigma men in the past and comes to mean so much to the present members. The Stag at the Wright House Saturday night was one of the most spirited affairs that has ever been held in the history of Zeta Sigma and those men of Alma who were present will long remember the feeling of brotherhood which permeated the atmosphere all thru the banquet and extended into the program which followed. Any man who found it impossible to attend has reason to regret the fact, for while students always feel and know that the Alma spirit is in existence it requires a Zeta Sigma banquet to bring forth this mysterious something about which Alma men have long wondered and which manifests itself in divers ways throughout the days or years of their college life.

Promptly at nine o'clock the guests formed their lines and marching to the strains of Lohengrin's "Wedding March" whistled by the three "K's" entered the dining room to begin another historical event in the life of Zeta Sigma and of Alma College. After partaking of the appetizing meal that the Wright House is famous for everyone (except President Crooks) lighted cigars and pushed back their chairs for the additional good things that were to follow.

President Floyd Krueger, a senior, in the capacity of toast-master was in mid-season form and seemed to have the ability to retire the side in-ning after in-ning with his merciless attack of stories and jokes. The opening speaker, "Scotty" Macdonald, late of Olivet and the Adelpic society which was affiliated with Zeta Sigma for some years, responded to the toast, "Veni, Vidi, Vici" in true Scotch fashion and the guests were in an uproar most of the time during his toast. The old Alma landmark and right loyal Zeta Sigma man, "Prof." Miller, teacher, from Hudson, went back into the dusty recesses of his brain and dug up a few old ones that proved to be rather humorous to the new men. Miller holds the unique distinction of being both an alumnus and a student at the same time. Then came "Bill" Hicks who is always necessary to every Stag banquet to assure its success and "Bill" had the rather difficult job of putting Zeta Sigma on horseback. He managed to do this nevertheless and his remarks were timely and well chosen. "Pug" Sharrar was THERE with his readings and "Jerry" Marks, the second, told of "Better Things Ahead" from the standpoint of a Freshman Janitor. Owing to the late arrival of Fitch from Mt. Pleasant the Zeta Sigma quartette was unable to sing so Frank Bittner '18, toasted "Zeta Sigma Spirit" as only "Busy" can. It was left to Chet Robinson '17, to take charge of the program which had to do with plans for a Fraternity house.

The House program was begun at that never-to-be-forgotten Stag banquet in 1917 but due to America's entrance into the war it was dropped until the present year. As a result of the sentiment and speeches regarding the Fraternity House at the banquet Saturday night it would seem almost safe to announce thru-out the length and breadth of the land that Zeta Sigma will some day have a HOME second to none in the country. This will not be built this year or next year but it is coming as sure as the sun rises and from the very meager beginning of Saturday night will rise a brotherhood of Zeta Sigma men thru the medium of a House that will be felt thru-out all the world. Further plans will be placed before the alumni as soon as the members draw them up and it is expected that before the end of the present college year some really big things will have been accomplished. The proposed Zeta Sigma House will be arranged for in accordance with the proposed plans for an enlarged Alma and will mean much toward strengthening and helping Alma as a

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ZETA SIGMA STAG

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college. It is, to be sure a big undertaking but Zeta Sigma has done big things in the past and is more than able to do a job of this size so that all that remains is for each Zeta Sigma man, past, present, and future, to dig in and work.

The old men present were Coleman '18, Fitch '19, Don Smith '19, Bittner '18, Robinson '17, Miller '20, and Simenton ex-'20, and Marsh ex-'20. Thus happened one of the largest and by far the most spirited Stag banquet in the history of the fraternity.
—Chet. Robinson '17.

BASEBALL NEXT

With the cessation of basketball activities the call is for the great American game of baseball and a call for candidates for that squad will soon be sounded. The cage was rigged up in the gymnasium last week and most of the men are already up there limbering up. It is hoped that outdoor practice may be begun immediately after the spring recess. Don't forget this men. Every man who has ever had a baseball in his hand should report for practice immediately after the holidays. Let's have everybody boosting the baseball team this year.

ZETA SIGMA

William Gallagher and Lawrence Johnson were initiated into the society at the meeting of March 8. Ralph Dean gave a very interesting and instructive paper on the drama, "Lincoln," by Drinkwater.

Lewis Morse is conducting a very strong campaign for his nomination as Society Janitor. In a speech on March 8th he set forth his special ability in a very persuasive manner.

It is expected that Oswald Knowles will appear on the program in the near future with some specialty work in solos. Recently he experienced a very marked success in singing to the Ladies Missionary Society of St. Louis. With this rare treat in view no one should absent themselves from Society.

With his light gray vest and monocle "Hans" presided in regular Louis XIV style.

Arrangements were completed for the Stag Banquet which gives every promise of being a great success.

Y. W. C. A.

A very interesting Y. W. C. A. meeting was led by Miss Jean Jackson, Thursday evening.

In spite of the rather unfortunate behavior of the electricity, the meeting was conducted as tho nothing unusual had taken place.

The thoughts developed in her discussion of "Reasonable Service" were such that each one received a benefit from them.

The meeting was ended by a song and the usual benediction.

The Pan-American Union estimates that there are in the United States, 5,000 Latin-American Students, of whom 2,500 are in colleges and universities.

WILLIAM A. EWING, '13

(1889-1920)

On Monday evening of this week occurred the death of William Arthur Ewing, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Ewing, for many years residents of this city.

Will, as he was familiarly called by his many friends, was so well and so favorably known that his death came as a shock to the entire community, and especially to the people of the college.

The Ewing family have been identified with the life and history of Alma college as no other family have. Will's grandfather, Joseph W. Ewing, was a member of the faculty when the doors of the college were first opened in the autumn of 1887, and was prominent in the earlier discussions which resulted in the founding of the college.

In the autumn of 1890, Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Ewing came to Alma from Wooster, Ohio, where the Dr. had been Assistant Professor of Greek and Principal of the Academy of the University. They brought with them their three little boys—Ernest, Hubert, and Will, all of whom are now gone.

Will was less than a year old when his parents came to Alma, being born October 6, 1889. He grew to young manhood here in our midst; went to the kindergarten at the college in 1893 and '94; entered the public schools in 1895; passed through the grades of our schools and enrolled as a student in the academy of the college in 1905; became a member of the Freshman class in 1909, and was graduated with the degree of A. B. in 1913; joined the local chapter of the Masonic order, and has taken both the consistory and the shrine.

He joined the Presbyterian church in 1906 at the age of fifteen years, and from that time on was prominent in church activities, and always lived a consistent Christian life.

After graduation from college, Mr. Ewing accepted a position as teacher of history in the high school at Charlevoix, Michigan, and the next year was made principal of the high school, a position which he held for two years.

As might be expected he was eminently successful as a teacher, for he had teaching in his blood, as it were, but he never intended to follow the profession. And when an opportunity presented itself in 1916 he became assistant editor of the Alma Record. It was not long, however, till the Republic Truck Co., recognizing his ability induced him to enter their sales department as assistant sales manager, where he remained until February, 1919. It was here that he became associated with Mr. Milton A. Holmes, then head of the sales department of the Republic.

On Nov. 21, 1916, Mr. Ewing was married to Miss Marguerite O'Neil, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. They had been classmates in college and were graduated together in the class of 1913. One child has been born to them, William Philip, now nearly two years old.

Mr. Ewing remained with the Republic until ill health compelled him to take a rest. He spent three months at the Howell Sanatorium and then went to the Soo for a further rest. Apparently recovered in health and anxious to be at work again, he entered the employ of the Transport Truck Company of Mt. Pleasant as Assistant Sales Manager in September, 1919.

It was not long before his old trouble returned, but he persisted in his work until the last week in the year, when he was forced to take another rest, and came to his home in Alma. It was his intention to go in the spring to a climate better suited to him. With this in mind he fought hopefully and courageously until the end came at 10:15 p. m. on Monday, March 8, 1920.

"Calmly he looked on either Life, and here
Saw nothing to regret, or there
to fear."

Will Ewing was a young man of exceptionally fine fiber. He could, of course, hardly be otherwise with such antecedents. The world is much poorer because he is gone; and all who knew him well are now feeling very poor too because they have lost such a friend.

If the sympathy of a very large circle of friends can in any way lessen sorrow or assuage grief, then his young wife and his father and mother must surely feel their load greatly lightened.

The funeral services are from the home this afternoon, and in charge of Rev. Willis L. Gelston of the Presbyterian church. Interment will be in the family lot in Riverside cemetery by the side of his grandfather, grandmother and two brothers.

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BASKETBALL REVIEW

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be confessed that a season, which brings out a determination to win by hard fighting, but fair sportsmanship, which brings out and keeps out a large number of men, who will be available for future seasons, which also sees a rejuvenation of Alma spirit, cannot be considered a poor season. Neither can a season, which sees a team defeated time and again but which, fired by this spirit, fights and defeats a team among the top-most in the state, be justly considered a failing.

THE BASKETBALL TEAM

Athletic Editor Makes Comments on Personnel of the Team.

Alma's forwards this year were all of the midget class as compared with those of the other colleges, and their claims of necessity were more of a strain, they were forced to the limit, in each and every game, battling as they did against guards of greater size, strength, and perhaps endurance.

Richards and Forest Smith, veterans of last year, were again at the forwards, and in addition to them Alma had Howe and Boyne. Richards during the season showed a constant improvement, and promises to rank with his brother "Ping" before good work during the time that he was out, as did "Eddie" Boyne, the he leaves Alma. Smith displayed veteran baseball man. Howe was out for the first time this year, and after a slow start came strong and was putting up a highly capable game at the season's end. Malcolm Smith broke into the last four games of the season and displayed his usual work.

At center Crittenden started the season, but was soon sent back to his guard, and Gaffney held sway at that job in a highly capable way, and his basket shooting aided Alma greatly. The "Polar Bear" was there when wanted. Anderson, Alma's sterling center, played against Ypsi, Mt. Pleasant, Muskegon Y and Grand Rapids Y in the final games. He looked good, but had not entirely recovered from his football injuries, and perhaps did not show the form that marked his work last year. Against Mt. Pleasant he fought a wonderful game, however, and contributed to that victory in no small way.

Alma's guards—Capt. Tebo, Mills, Crittenden and Moore—were bears. Crittenden displayed all of the ginger and fight that made him a terror last year, until illness forced him from the last four games. Captain Tebo gave Alma his best in spite of his injuries. The great work of Mills in the latter days of the season was most noteworthy. Then did the veteran shine, displaying a better brand of guarding than anyone had expected, or thought that he could show. Moore, breaking into the game late in the season, proved a wonder, and in him Alma has the promise of a great guard in another season.

The work of the other men, who played at some stage of the season, is commendable, as was the work of the "scrubs," who had a harder job this year than usual in aiding in polishing up a team that was constantly being changed because of injuries, and because of illness. They contributed to the cause in no small way, and no article regarding the team would be complete unless the thanks of the students of Alma College were expressed to them.

TEAM FROM WRIGHT HALL

In Which Co-eds Express Views on the Team.

To those outsiders whose viewpoint is limited merely to the scoreboard, this year's basketball season, may seem rather a series of defeats, than of victories. But to those people whose interest is closely bound up in every game which the team has played, there is no such thing as defeat, even when the score is against them when the final whistle blows.

But what is the view-point of those so interested in the progress of their college team? Wright Hall surely thinks of those athletes who represent them, as men of whom they may be proud. True, basketball season means, to some, a series of afternoons of all aloneness, but to others it means some other diversion beside the moving picture show. In any case, the team is not merely a group of individuals, but a trained team in which personal ambition and pride are smothered for the promotion of

the whole. A place on the basketball team means hard work and loyalty to Alma college, and thus each player is thought of as the truest kind of booster—a booster of deeds.

Did you ever think that the women of Wright Hall think of the basketball team as their representatives? True, their election seems won by the test of endurance and physical strength, but they are proud to feel that the men who stand before other colleges as their representatives, are true to all the standards for which Alma stands.

We have yelled for the team, we have worked on the lines, we have even prayed for a fair victory, but above all, we—the girls of Alma college—thank the basketball team for their sportsmanship, in victory and defeat, for above all, we admire men who conquer their own spirits, and we feel that our team has been made up of such men.

ALL OUT FOR TRACK

At present the prospects for a successful season in track this year are very bright. Although badly crippled by the loss of Johnson, star sprinter of last year, Alma is now basing her hopes in this branch on Howe, Rose, Foster, and Walker; all of whom have made very good records during their high school careers. There are a number of other men who are expected to show up well in the dashes.

Anderson, Barnhart, and Richards are the only letter men in track now in college. This means we must get a big bunch of new men out and start intensive training. Anderson is the big cog in the javelin and high jump, holding the state record in the former event. There are a number of likely looking freshmen who will enter these events, also.

Barnhart, Hale, Amos, and Rose will line up in the middle distance runs. Barnhart is a good hurdler and will be Alma's mainstay in that event.

In the weights, Jackson, J. Anderson, and H. Walker look most promising at present. Walker has a fine high school record in both this and the broad jump.

In the long distance runs Richards will be Alma's mainstay, with Vreeland, Hale, and Johnstone also entered. A number of Freshmen, it is hoped, will also try to keep Alma in the limelight in this event.

Indoor practice will begin this week, in the college gym. Any men wishing to try out please report Tuesday night at 4 o'clock. To every man who can possibly get out for this branch of sport, we say, "Come out and help your Alma Mater bring home another pennant." Remember that not all track men are natural born, they can be made. So you have just as good a chance as the next man if you will pay the price. That price is, "Work and Train!" Men! Get the old Alma pep and be on deck when the snow leaves the cinder path on Davis Field.

CAMPUS COLUMN

Lester Von Thurn, graduate of the class of 1913, was in Alma last Thursday to attend the funeral of Wm. Ewing. Von Thurn is at present employed in Detroit.

Foster Fraker, of the class of 1912, was a visitor in Alma last Thursday. Fraker is living in Breckenridge and came down to attend the funeral of Will Ewing.

Dean Mitchell was in Adrian last week as Alma's faculty representative at the state oratorical contest. Due to the illness of his daughter, Professor Hamilton was unable to go.

President Crooks spoke at teacher's institutes at Lake Forest, Highland Park, and Waukegan, Ill., last week. He will be at a teacher's institute at Freeport, Ill., during the spring recess.

Professor Hamilton will deliver the commencement address for the spring graduating class at Mt. Pleasant this next week.

Oswald Knowles, business manager of the Glee Club, was in St. Johns last Saturday completing arrangements for a concert there the 25th of March.

Professor Hamilton spoke at the Father and Son banquet at Ithaca last week.

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