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College Glee Club Home Concert Wednesday Night

WRIGHT HALL OPEN HOUSE

Men Enjoy Visit to Women of the College Saturday Night.

Saturday evening the mystic reaches of the upper floors of Wright Hall were thrown open, and the denizens of Pioneer hastened thitherward to make the most of their opportunity to see how the better half lives. The company gathered in the reception room, and at about eight o'clock the grand march began. It wended its way through the halls from first to fourth, and part way back, but descensions on the ascending march so thinned the ranks that they finally faded away.

Then began inspection of quarters, coupled with the ordeal of penning in memory books; name, address, ambition, and happy thought. Most of the penmen knew their name and address, but labored hard and long to formulate an ambition, and, after much suffering, gave up the ghost to the happy thought. One consolation and reward offered itself. The diligent signer received as a remuneration for his action some of the delicious candy which it has long been rumored is made in Wright Hall, but of which the material evidence has heretofore been rather scarce. But fortunate indeed was he who found a room with no memory book, and with a plate of candy.

Despite the literary activities of the visitors, they did not fail to notice the rooms, which were very attractive. The subdued lights, the carpeted floors, the penants and pictures on the walls, the dainty curtains and even, in some, the flowers, made the girls' living quarters seem very cheery and homelike. An ardent book showing itself here and there, lent an air of studiousness to the scene and proclaimed the scholarly tendencies of its owner. Altogether the impression was that Wright Hall is justified in its claim to being one of the finest dormitories in the state.

The evening was cut short by the insistent jangling of the bell and the invaders beat a hasty retreat to their own abodes.

DEBATE FRIDAY NIGHT

Friday night, April 16, Alma's debating teams, both affirmative and negative will crash with Kalamazoo and Hope colleges respectively. The bone of contention is Resolved: That the U. S. should adopt a system of compulsory arbitration for the settlement of labor disputes in basic industries.

The affirmative team, consisting of Sharrar, Boyne and Olmstead will debate Kalamazoo in the College chapel. The subject is an interesting one and a hard battle can be promised for the entertainment and instruction of all who attend. The negative team, consisting of Cash, Barnhart, and Vreeland will journey to Holland there to clash with Hope's affirmative team. Only a short time has been available for preparation and the Glee Club trip coming when it did has still further disarranged matters, nevertheless two highly interesting skirmishes are looked for.

As in all athletic forms of intercollegiate activity the spirit of the audience present is a large factor in determining the outcome of the contest, so a large and enthusiastic audience out to hear our affirmative team Friday night will be a big help to them in their efforts then. Let's all turn out and hear them.

The University of Pennsylvania has adopted the honor system by an overwhelming vote of 2,900 to 100.

THINGS AHEAD

The date committee announces the following schedule:
April 14—Glee Club Concert.
April 16—Triangular Debate.
April 17—Baseball at Ypsilanti.
April 22—Froebel Dance.
April 23-24—Campus Days.
April 23—Y. W. C. A. Carnival.
April 24—Pioneer Open House.
April 27—Stag Edition of Almanian.
April 29—Alma-Mt. Pleasant Kg. Day.

Y. W. C. A. CABINET BANQUET

Retiring Cabinet Gives Enjoyable Spread to New Officers.

On Wednesday evening, April 6, 1920, a very pleasant evening was spent. The retiring cabinet of the Y. W. C. A. gave a banquet in honor of the new cabinet.

Arrangements were made in the dining room for three special tables for the members of the cabinets. Immediately after dinner, all adjourned to the Alpha Theta room, where toasts were given and refreshments served. The tables were well arranged and decorated with daffodils and candles.

Vernie Green, the retiring president, presided as toastmistress and introduced the speakers with her usual charm.

The following program was enjoyed by all:

The Light of Leadership—Esther Freiderich.

The Light of Friendship—Elizabeth Buckley.

Fire Light—Beatrice Harrington.
Song—A May Morning—Charlotte Hawes.

The Light of Efficiency—Louise Hainline

The Light of Helpfulness and Kindness—Mrs. Notestein.

The spirit of Y. W. C. A. was noticed in all the toasts. Mrs. Notestein, the chairman of the Y. W. C. A. Advisory Board, gave the girls a splendid talk and each resolved to take up the work with enthusiasm and spirit.

It was, indeed, a pleasant affair and served as an excellent beginning to the work of the new cabinet.

TRACK PROSPECTS

Alma College to Have Strong Track Aggregation.

The prospects for a track team at Alma College appear far better this year than it had been expected would be the case, after the loss of Johnson, who won 18½ points at the Michigan Intercollegiate track and field meet at Albion for the Maroon and Cream last June, as there is apparently some very good material among the men in college. Walker of Almont is one of the men of whom much is expected this year. The Pride of Almont is a weight heaver, and even this early in the season is having little trouble in shoving the shot over forty feet.

Of the old men Richards and Anderson are two upon whom Coach Wood can bank. Richards is almost certain to cop the two mile event again this year, while Anderson should bring a nice collection of points to the Maroon and Cream in the high and broad jump and in the pole vault.

Considerable attention will be paid this year to men who have the ability to go out and grab second and third places, as it will probably be only in this way that the Presbyterians can hope to round out a team that will make a strong race for the M. I. A. A. honors.

"The brain is the greenhouse for seed thoughts—not a mausoleum for dead ideas."—Associated Men.



MISS ALBERTA BOWMAN

Who represented Alma College at the state oratorical contest at Adrian, Miss Bowman placed second in the womens' contest. Her oration, "Education, A Means of Americanization," is given, in part, on page four of this issue.

HOME CONCERT

Glee Club Presents Musical Number at Presbyterian Church, Wednesday.

Wednesday night in the First Presbyterian church of Alma the Alma College Glee Club will give its annual home concert. During spring vacation the club toured the state giving concerts at Grand Rapids, Battle Creek, Flint and intermediate points. The club met with great success on this tour. The press comments were very flattering and there is no doubt that Alma has a wonderful glee club this year. Although the trip taken by the club can be counted a success in every way, yet, like all such affairs it cost money and hence it is not only desirable but necessary that they have a large turnout at this last concert. The club is pursuing a different plan this year, in putting on the home concert. Formerly the promotion of the concert was let out to some public body such as Christian Endeavor societies, high schools, etc. on a share basis. However the club intends to put this concert on themselves. The Presbyterian church has been secured for the concert and the sale of seats, advertising, etc. will be in the hands of the club itself. For this further reason the College should give them its heartiest support.

Due to the war and the S. A. T. C. there was no glee club at Alma last year and hence there was no home concert given. Because they have not had the opportunity to hear the club for two years there should be a good attendance of town-people. This concert will be the musical event of the year and the importance of making it a success cannot be stressed too greatly.

No universities and no state liberal arts colleges exist in Brazil. Indeed there is only one liberal arts college of any kind. But there are a large number of high grade professional schools.

ALMANIAN
Pay Up
Day
Wednesday
April 14th

DON'T FORGET!

That Alma's Affirmative Debating Team meets Kalamazoo in the College Chapel on Friday night, April 16.
You will be attending something instructive.
You will be backing your school!
You will enjoy yourself.
Be There!

ALMANIAN SEEKS FUNDS

Publication Makes Drive for Pledges to Cover Threatening Deficit.

The Weekly Almanian conducted a financial drive last week in an endeavor to raise sufficient funds with which to continue to print the paper for the balance of the school year. This action was necessitated by the high prices prevailing in all phases of newspaper activity. The price of paper, labor, power, every thing which goes to make the material part of a paper has doubled and trebled in price. Naturally we have had to pay the printer more for his part in the production of the paper.

Nevertheless the student activity fee was not increased this year, neither was the portion of it that the Almanian receives raised. The paper was printed as long as the funds would allow but neither the board nor the staff felt that they would be willing to run in debt in order to continue the paper. Accordingly at a meeting of the Almanian board of control, held Monday night, April 5, it was decided to make an appeal to the students, as the only alternative open to them. The amount needed to bring the paper through the year free of debt was in the neighborhood of \$142.00. A public appeal was therefore made after the chapel services on Thursday, the 15, Dr. Brokenshire, as chairman of the board of control, presided and presented the case briefly and clearly. Forest Smith, business manager, set forth the statistical evidence concerned; after which pledges were circulated. The result of this drive was very encouraging, although, due to the fact that some students were not present the entire amount was not subscribed. It is expected that a committee will wait on those who have not yet pledged in order to secure the full amount necessary.

The amount asked of each student was seventy-five cents. In asking for this amount the board figured on the basis of all the regular college students enrolled, and the least amount which it would be possible to get along with. Hence it is imperative that we have no slackers in this respect, and that every student subscribe his share.

As has been said, this deficit was due solely to the high costs now prevalent and in justice to the business manager it should be said that it was in no wise due to inefficiency in that department. Mention should also be made of the fact that the present staff, further, shouldered a debt left by a previous staff (not last year's) amounting to something like \$90.00. Neither the business manager nor the editor will receive the customary remuneration for their services this year. April 14 has been designated as Almanian Pay Up Day for the payment of these pledges and it is urged that every one pay their pledges promptly on this date.

A world federation of university students against the liquor traffic is the announced plan of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association. It plans to unite with the student temperance organizations already existing in a number of countries, and then to develop similar movements in all the other countries.

NEW ERA DRIVE HAS STARTED

Presbyterian Church Will Cooperate in Huge Drive April 25th—Alma Included.

Five colleges in this state are announced as having been designated to participate in the Interchurch World Movement, to train 100,000 additional recruits for life service during the next five years. These colleges are Adrian College, Alma College, Hope College, Hillsdale College and Kalamazoo College.

An Interchurch World Movement survey reveals a need for 100,000 workers for specific positions. There are now 5,000 vacancies every year in the pulpits of America and only 1,800 completely trained men coming forward to fill them.

Prior to 1840 the ministry attracted at least one-half of the graduates of the country's colleges. But it is now no exaggeration to state that in the last thirty years there has been a decrease of more than thirty per cent in the ration of ministers to church members.

For the coming five years in the world campaign of American Protestant churches united in the Interchurch World Movement, more than 9,000 new missionaries must be recruited for the foreign fields alone. Thousands of other workers, lay and clerical, are to be obtained for churches and affiliated organizations in this country.

Most of the church workers of today—90 per cent of them—are trained in church schools and colleges. To these institutions therefore, the church must look for a large proportion of its future workers.

The question arises, have the institutions the personnel and equipment necessary to attract young men and women and to give them the kind of training that modern conditions demand? It is a matter of common knowledge that many denominational schools and colleges struggle along, year after year, without sufficient funds to compete for students and faculty with independent institutions supported by the state or by large private endowment—a condition that the Interchurch Movement will seek to remedy.

The denominational school is an asset if it keeps its educational standards high. To let those standards drop is an injustice to student, community and church.

THE Y. W. C. A. MEETING

We sat together in the old reception room at Wright Hall and sang. It's strange how those old hymns can calm a person isn't it? They certainly put us in a receptive mood for the verses of scripture, the song by Miss Buck, and the discussion of the lesson that followed.

Miss Hainline, who was leading, read and talked about Paul, the Optimist, and the advantages of being an optimist. She said that he liked to think beautiful thoughts. He gave us a long list of things with very desirable qualities, and said, "Think on these things." We who do not think beautiful thoughts will be optimists. We can be happy whatever our lot may be. If we smile and look on the right side of life, we will be perpetual sources of inspiration for everybody we meet.

Miss Hainline brought out very clearly the difference between true content and lack of ambition for greater things. She cited some interesting personal experience along the line of observing peoples' eyes and mouths, and the impressions they gave her.

The appeal of the evening was "Be an Optimist." The meeting closed with a hymn and the benediction.

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STAG EDITION ALMANIAN

The Staff for the Stag Edition of the Almanian which will appear on April 27, has been announced. It is as follows:

Editor-in-chief—Ralph Dean.
Associate Editor—Charles Kennedy.

Campus—Claude Mills.
Jokes—Gordon McDonald.
Contributors—R. Wilson, L. Marks, J. Finlayson, J. Hale.

The men may be satisfied that, with such a staff, they will be done no injustice by the edition of the Almanian dedicated to them. An exceptional number is looked for by all.

YOUR COLLEGE

The critic's life is not an enviable one. It is rare that they receive either admiration or praise. Yet no one will deny that the critic is often a very useful person and fills an important place in our life. Nevertheless when criticism comes to us we automatically stiffen in antagonism. It is but natural, it seems, for a feeling of resentment to come over us. That is just the way we felt when we were appraised, last week, of a certain complaint that is being made against the college by the business men of the city. We wanted to argue the matter and prove the assertion to be wrong. Yet when we had investigated the facts of the case we were forced to admit that we had, no grounds for resentment, but rather of contrition. When once we had been assured that the charge was true we felt that the thing to do was to bring it to your attention at once.

The charge, in short, is this—that the various societies and other student organizations of the college are creating a bad name for themselves and their school with the Alma merchants because they are what would be termed "bad credit." Several business men of the town complain that they do not like to do business with the students of the college because they are such bad pay. They are indignant, (and rightly so), because the bills that they present for goods which they have sold to the student organizations on credit receive scant and tardy recognition, if any at all. One man spoke of bills which he had kept on his books since 1916, and then had destroyed because it was cheaper to do that than to waste more money on the postage required to continue to give notice of them. Other instances, of little better complexion, could be given if they were needed. It is not necessary to point out that this is dishonesty of the rankest kind, nor that the evil results of such a state of affairs will inevitably react against the school. The business managers of our two publications, the Almanian and the Maroon and Cream are already beginning to feel it. The good name of the school is at stake in this matter. It is as surprising as it is deplorable that it should have gone so long undiscovered.

This is a matter for the Student Council to act upon and that right speedily. An audit of the books of the various student organizations should be made at once and these old accounts straightened out. The present trouble raises the question, why not have a regular annual, or semi-annual, audit of the financial affairs of the campus organizations, by the Student Council? Certain it is that naught but good results could follow such an action. Student activities can and should be carried on in a business-like way. The gain will not be greater to the business men than to the students themselves. Some schools have an annual affair which they call "Pay Up Day." Would such a plan be feasible here?

The blame for the present state of

affairs is two-fold, it falls primarily on the students, who have been apathetic both, in paying their dues, and in seeing that their officers are prompt in the execution of their duties; and it also falls on the officers of the various societies, both past and present, who have allowed such a condition to come about. This matter should be attended to at once.

Two million dollars of the \$23,000,000 1920-21 New Era Budget will be set aside for the endowment of colleges under the direction of the General Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. This board is engaged in a five year campaign for \$35,000,000, \$7,000,000 a year, of which \$2,000,000 comes from the New Era increase and \$5,000,000 is raised by the colleges themselves. Seventeen Presbyterian colleges are being aided this year.

To make known the aims of the Presbyterian Church in the educational and other fields, the Presbyterian New Era Movement is using paid advertising in the weeklies and dailies of the 57 Presbyterian colleges. This is the first time such a campaign has been so carried forward. The colleges are located in 33 states from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast.

With the increased sums to be set aside for colleges, professors' salaries will be raised and various improvements made on the grounds and buildings. Some new buildings are also contemplated.

In addition to making known what will be done with the increased sums asked for, the advertisements in the college papers are also endeavoring to secure the cooperation of the students with the local Presbyterian churches. It is being urged on the Presbyterian students that they should ally themselves with the Presbyterian church in their vicinity and give themselves as well as their funds toward its aid.

The \$23,000,000 budget allows \$7,000,000 for increased work in the twenty-seven countries in which mission and educational activities are carried on by the Presbyterian church. It also includes over \$4,000,000 for the work of Home Missions, which is largely educational in character. Enlarged activities in Sunday School, Evangelism, church erection and temperance are also provided for. The Presbyterian boards of missions and education operate hundreds of schools and colleges in this and other countries.

A great canvass to raise this amount will be held through the 9,800 Presbyterian churches on Sunday, April 25th. Reports on the result of the work will be made on the following Sunday, May 2nd. The Presbyterian Church is cooperating with the Interchurch World Movement in the drive of April 25th to May 2nd.

Alma is among the colleges named in the list of those coming under this movement.

Unless the weather takes a turn for the worse, and that does not seem possible, the Alma College baseball team will play its first game next Saturday, the 17th. Alma has high hopes for its baseball team this year and expects that they will return from Ypsilanti with the bacon. Yet Ypsilanti will probably put out a good team this year and Alma must put forth her utmost to make sure of victory. A victory or defeat at the beginning of the season has a big influence on the spirit of and whole tenor of the rest of the year. It may have a vital influence. The surest way to guard against a slump is to keep the spirits of the student-body high, to keep the team mindful of the fact that the whole school is behind them and backing them to the limit. The miserable weather of late has precluded the possibility of putting a trained team on the field, Saturday. But it can be a fighting team. Let's give the team a real sendoff. If it is in any way possible let us have every student down to the station the morning the team leaves, and send them off resolved to be on their toes every minute.

THE PRAYER MEETING

Our prayer meeting last week was most interesting and enjoyable. Miss Mabel Field was the leader. She took as her Scripture reading John 14, and in her talk she told us why this chapter was her favorite. Before she was through we all felt that this was indeed a precious chapter and one that deserved more frequent study.

Alma-Kazoo Debate Friday Night.

STUDENT'S FORUM

A Message from the Democratic Club.

Following the spring primary in Michigan a revival of interest in political matters might be expected. The fact that this a Republican state and that the great majority of our students are Republicans by profession (if not principle) would auger that the interest would be solely in Republican political matters. However the Democrats are alive to the importance of the matter and hope to be able to do their share as educators in citizenship. The Republican primary upset all calculations when Johnson swept the state, however the Democrat primary neither upset former calculations nor established much basis for prophesy concerning the future. It would seem that neither Palmer or McAdoo would make popular candidates. Just who will be the choice at the San Francisco convention in June would be impossible to say.

Although Alma Democrats are rather holding themselves aloof that the selection of the best possible man may be possible, it is in no way out of place to take a brief survey of the recent record of their party in order that we may see on what grounds they ask for four more years continuance in power.

For six years the Democratic party had control of both the legislative and executive branches of our government. Prior to that time the theory had been advanced by our Republican friends that as a party we were incapable of constructive legislation. But in 1912 the people of the United States decided to rely no longer upon the word of the opposition for that fact and resolved to give the Democratic party another chance! And now as we glance over that trial period of the party what do we see? We see the United States taking part in the greatest war the world has ever known and doing her share to bring that war to a successful close. We see the democratic administration under the peerless leadership of President Wilson making an unimpeachable record in the midst of dire straits and difficulties.

Has the Democratic party fulfilled the prediction of its Republican friends. Has it been incapable of constructive legislation? A glance over the following measures enacted during the six year period of Democratic control will serve to convince the most radical Republican that this prediction was without justification. Compare it if you will with the twenty four years Republican control.

The income tax law.
The election of U. S. senators by the people.

Admission of Arizona and New Mexico to the Union.

Bills for the prevention of corrupt use of money in elections. It might be added here in parenthesis, an ability also to ferret out such corrupt use of money as evidenced in the questioned election of Senator Newberry, and bring such men to account.

The Trade Commission.
The War Risk Insurance Bureau.
The Ship Purchase Bill.
The Clayton Anti-Trust Law.
A liberal Philippine Bill.
Underwood Tariff Bill.
A Conservation Bill.
The Land Bank Bill.
The Federal Reserve Bank Bill.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

At the regular Sunday afternoon meeting the installation of officers for the next year was conducted by the retiring president, Mr. Vender. The new officers are:

Mr. William Amos, President.
Mr. Eddie Knighton, Vice Pres.
Mr. Wayne Wenger, Secretary.
Mr. James Hale, Treasurer.

The work of the retiring cabinet has been that of which Alma may well be proud of. They have put forth sincere effort at all times to make Alma more Christianlike. The high place which Alma holds in the world outside is due partly to her spiritual life. This can only be encouraged and fostered by the "Y."

Glee Club Home Concert Wednesday Night.

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WRIGHT HALL NEWS

Miss Jean Jackson spent a few days of last week in Detroit.

Miss Beulah Garland spent the week-end at Lansing.

Miss Dorothy Beckwith is spending the week in Madison, Wisconsin.

Miss Avis Lane spent the week-end at her home in Midland.

Miss Janet Curtis attended the "J" Hop at Ann Arbor last week.

Miss Fredericka Kay and Mildred

McBride of Lapeer were guests at the hall over the week end.

WHEN EXTREMES MET

Said the Scientist to the Protoplasm: "Twixt you and me is a mighty chasm.

We represent extremes, my friend

You the beginning, I the end."

The Protoplasm made reply, As he winked his embryonic eye: "Well, when I look at you, old man, I'm rather sorry I began!"
— New York Evening Post.

YOU and the New Era Movement

The Presbyterian Church wants to be as efficient as possible. In an endeavor to stimulate and encourage the work of local congregations, General Assembly two years ago started a New Era expansion movement. This governing body of the denomination put the whole matter in the hands of a picked committee.

This committee has been asked to assume the responsibility of attempting to raise money for the mission and benevolent boards of the church in much larger amounts than has ever before been thought of.

Helps Church Loyalty

In addition to the financial campaign the New Era Movement has during the year projected such stimulation of local activity as a loyalty campaign in the fall for church attendance, stewardship campaign in the spring and a campaign for new members leading up to Easter.

The whole Movement is giving the laymen of the church a new vision of their responsibilities.

As a student in college supported by Presbyterians you ought to be fully informed concerning the progress of the New Era Movement—the biggest effort the church has ever made. This information is available in booklets issued by the New Era Movement and by the various boards of the church.

The official monthly of the Presbyterian Church—New Era Magazine—(\$1.00 a year and 75c in clubs of 10) gives full details of the progress of churches at home and abroad. Send to 1328 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, for sample copy. Read it regularly in your college library or ask your parents to send it to you.

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Y. W. C. A. CONVENTION

From April 13 to 20 the Sixth Convention of the Young Women's Christian Associations of the United States of America will convene in Cleveland. Twenty-five hundred delegates are expected from the thousand centers located in small and large cities, town and country communities and colleges. From China, Japan, India, South America, Siberia, and countries of Europe where the Y. W. C. A. has established work for girls, speakers and representatives will also come to give a world-wide report of what the Association has accomplished in the past five years. Unusual significance attaches to this Convention as it is the first to be held since 1915. The one called for 1918 was not held, in accordance with the general advice of the Government that all such gatherings be eliminated during the war period.

The convention will assemble in the Masonic Temple on the afternoon of April 13. All morning and afternoon sessions will be given over to the business of the Convention, to consideration of the many new and perplexing problems the Association faces in a world changed by years of war.

After the business of the day the evening sessions will be given over to addresses by men and women internationally known for their leadership in Christian thought. Dr. S. Earl Taylor, head of the Interchurch World Movement, Dr. Rob't E. Speer, Sec'y of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian church, and Bishop Frank J. McConnell, of the Methodist Church are among the men who will address the Convention on world questions and the relations of the Y. W. C. A. to them.

ZETA SIGMA

Zeta Sigma met Monday night and elected officers for the Spring term. Considerable interest was displayed throughout and the elections were hotly contested especially in the case of the janitor.

The following officers were elected: President—George Hebert. Vice President—Lee Sharrar. Secretary—Allan Follette. Treasurer—Gordon MacDonald. Freshman Member of House Committee—Sidney Foster. Second Critic—Edwin Boyne. Janitor—Lawrence Johnson.

Impromptus were called for on the subject "Impressions of the Banquet" and enthusiasm was in no way decreased from that shown at the banquet. Proceedings were livened by the fact that Morse and DesJardins came across with belated treats and peanuts made much work for the janitors.

FROEBEL

The Froebel society held its regular meeting Monday night, April 5, 1920. Roll call was responded to by a spring quotation. A short business meeting followed. Geneva Curren read an interesting letter, which she had received, on the educational system of England. An interesting talk on social customs as related to Froebel society was given by Dean Roberts. After a vocal duet by Formelda Young and Dorothy Beck with the meeting was adjourned.

PHI PHI ALPHA

At the regular meeting of Phi Phi Alpha last Monday the officers of the society were elected for the coming term as follows:

President—Thomas Jackson. Vice President—Clair Perrigo. Secretary—William Amos. Treasurer—Willard Beshgetoor. First Critic—Frank Vreeland. Second Critic—Edward Knighton. Marshal—Harold Johnstone. Janitor—Thomas Dasef.

After the election the society adjourned to the DeLuxe where the Janitor regaled the members with ice cream, and from there to the Idle Hour, where the society was the guest of the newly elected President.

LIBRARY NOTES

The following Spanish books have been received at the library:

Alarcon, Pedro Anonio de—El Escandalo, 1919.

Bazan, Emilia Pardo—La dama Joven, 1907.

Bazan, Emilia Pardo—La Tribuna, n. d.

Cervantes Saavedra, Mgiuel de—El ingenioso hidalgo Don Quijote, n. d.

Faber, Cecilia Bohl von. (Fernan Caballero) Clemencia, 1917.

Faber, Cecilia Bohl von. (Fernan Caballero)—Un servilon y un liberalito o tres almas de Dios, 1911.

Galdos, Benito Perez—La de Bringas, 1906.

Galdos, Benito Perez—Lo prohibido 2 vol., 1906.

Galdos, Benita Perez—Gloria, 2 vol., 1916.

Pereda, Jose M. de—Al primer Vuelo, 1916.

Pereda, Jose M. de—Nubes de Estio, 1913.

Valdes, Armando Palacio—La hermana San Sulpicio, n. d.

Valdes, Armando Palacio—Los Majos de Cadiz, 1913.

ALUMNI

A certain Miss Marjorie Ann Chase was once a student in these venerable halls of learning, but that name may not be found in the present list of Alumni, simply because it has been changed to Mrs. J. Milton Jackson. Mrs. Jackson came to Alma from Belding high school and took up a Kindergarten course as a member of the class of 1914. She was a member of Froebel literary society. Mrs. Jackson's present home is Toledo.

Mrs. Jackson's other half was also a student of Alma. He was a graduate of Alma high. Mr. Jackson attended Alma three years, and received the B. S. degree here. His class was '15. He was a member of Phi Phi Alpha, and in athletics was a member of the track team. Of course, he too, resides in Toledo.

ALPHA THETA

Alpha Theta's thirtieth birthday was celebrated on Monday evening April 5, at the regular meeting of the society. Roll call was answered to by the name and occupation of some former Alpha Theta sister. A history of the society written last year by Mildred McConkey was read by Helen Grimm. Just before the birthday cake was cut Marie Louise Boisot, in behalf of the senior members, presented the society with a tray. The meeting was adjourned for a social time. Ice cream and cake was served.

PHILOMATHEAN

An unusually interesting meeting of Philomathean Literary society was held Monday evening, April 12. The topic for the evening was "American Music." Roll call was answered by some interesting fact about a musician. After a short business discussion, the literary program was taken up. Everyone enjoyed the two piano solos by Helen Huff, which opened the program. Then Grace Beshgetoor gave a very interesting talk on "The Spirit of American Music" bringing out what is distinctive in our music and musicians. Blanche Mashin sang three Indian songs, which were particularly enjoyed. A story by Henry Van Dyke, "A Lover of Music," was read by Marjorie Mac Curdy. The impromptu, "My Favorite Hymn, and Why I Like It," was given by Elizabeth Buckley. Then the meeting was adjourned.

ALUMNI

Professor West has received a letter from Dr. J. M. Breckenridge, Director of the School of Chemistry at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, which announces the appointment of Mr. Frank Bittner, Class of 1918, as a Fellow in Chemistry for the coming year. Mr. Bittner will specialize in Analytical and Metallurgical Chemistry.

Mr. William Murphy, Class of 1919, leaves next week for Hibbing, Minn., where he will be employed as chemist for the Oliver Iron Mining Company. "A cynic is a man who claims to be tired of the world. But in reality the world is tired of him."

The government of Ecuador expends \$125,000 annually for university education, while there are only 340 students in its universities.

Glee Club Home Concert Wednesday Night.

CROSBY-FIELD

Before the cozy Wright Hall fireplace, members of the faculty and guests gathered on Saturday afternoon, April 10th. Pink candles, fire-light, and on the table a large basket of exquisite roses, gave a delicate charm to the atmosphere.

Miss Grace Roberts, head of the Piano Department, was hostess. She announced in a most original and delightful way the engagement of Miss Hazel Crosby of the Piano Department, to Paul L. Field, Director of Athletics at Albion College, by presenting her guests with dainty sweet-pea bouquets to which were fastened the cards of Miss Crosby and Mr. Field.

The guests present were: Mrs. A. E. Crosby of Merrill, Miss Louise Call of Lansing, Mrs. H. M. Crooks, Mrs. Chas. Rhodes, Mrs. Henry Soule, Mrs. Alger Wood, and Mrs. Carlyle Carr, of Alma, and Dean Roberts, Miss Pollock, Miss Ward, Miss Conyne, Miss Morrison, and Miss Ritter, of Wright Hall.

It is with pleasure that Alma College remembers "Ike" Field who coached the baseball team last spring, and extends to him hearty congratulations.

To our own Miss Crosby we wish much joy and happiness.

LOTT-BECK.

A college romance which had its beginning in Alma, was happily culminated in a beautiful home wedding Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock, when the bride, Miss C. Louise Beck, a popular young teacher at Ford City school, was united in marriage by the Rev. C. W. Lowrie of the Bethany Presbyterian church, to Mr. John R. Lott at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Beck, 398 Seyburn avenue.

The bride, attired in Georgette over white silk, wore a veil and carried a shower bouquet of white roses, Easter lilies and lilies of the valley. She was attended by her college chum, Miss Phyllis Goscehnhofer, as maid of honor, who wore green organdie over pink silk with corsage of pink roses.

The Easter colors were further carried out by the little flower girl, Agnes Cant, who looked sweet in an orchid Georgette and carried a basket of pink roses and sweet peas. Mr. Lott was attended by the bride's cousin, Mr. James Cant.

To the strains of the wedding march, played by Miss Janet Cant, the wedding party advanced to the white satin altar banked with palms.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lott will be at home after May 1 at 498 Seyburn avenue.

EXCHANGE

Hope—"Having won the state contest Hope is preparing hard for the Interstate Oratorical contest. The colleges to be represented there are: Knox College, Wabash College, University of Kentucky, Carleton college, Muskingum College, and Beloit College."

Kalamazoo—"Twelve members of team are now in college, and as a matter of fact have been working out in the city Y. M. C. A. for some time under the direction of Captain "Frog" Thompson."

Albion—"The affirmative varsity team, composed of Des Jardins, Pellowe, and Merriman, opened the way to a double victory by mounting the platform and winning a four to one decision from the Earlham negative team on Friday, March 19. At the same time, the Albion negative team won a four to one decision from DePauw and victory was complete. Both events were held away from Albion."

Hillsdale—"From April 13 to 20, the Sixth Convention of the Young Women's Christian Associations of the United States of America will convene in Cleveland. Twenty-five hundred delegates are expected from the thousand centers in small and large cities, town and country communities and colleges."

Kalamazoo—"The Index staff has picked the following All-M. I. A. A. basketball team.—left forward, Ely, Hillsdale; right forward, Grime, Hillsdale; center, Wattles, Kalamazoo; left guard, Vroeg, Kalamazoo; right guard, Strome, Kalamazoo."

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Education--A Means of Americanization

Education—how colorless and uninteresting the word! "It is ominous," says Emerson, "that education has so cold, so hopeless a sound. A treatise on education, a convention on education, a lecture, a system, affects us with slight paralysis and a certain yawning of the jaws," he observes. But education, and that for Americanization and citizenship, is, nevertheless, supremely important. Education is always the chief business of a democracy. And at this time, when the greatest democracy in the world must teach literally millions of immigrants a common language, American standards of living, and American ideals of the conduct of nations and individuals, the task is stupendous. But if the masses are robbed of understanding and education, the result will be anarchy, revolution, and chaos.

To illustrate this fact, this story is told of a visitor at a school in one of our cities where the foreign element predominates. The visitor, being "of an investigating turn of mind, asked the pupils of various nationalities, Germans, Poles, Russian Jews, Italians, Armenians, and Greeks, to stand in turn. When the long list was seemingly exhausted he bethought himself of a nation which he had overlooked, and said, 'Now let the American children arise!' Whereupon one, lone, lorn, little black boy stood up to represent the native-born." In view of such conditions, education for Americanization is obviously indispensable.

But, I hear some one ask, "Is education effective in making democratic citizens?" "If false ideals can be stamped upon a people by education, so that they are willing to live by them and die for them, so can true ideals. How thoroughly German autocracy stamped its ideals upon the German people!" Just so thoroughly, why cannot American democracy stamp its ideals upon prospective Americans? "If their system of education could create a willingness to sacrifice all for power, with similar thoroughness in the inculcation of true ideals men can be prepared for democratic citizenship."

The first step in this great transformation is necessarily the learning of a common language. For how are men and women to learn the ideals of living and government of America if they cannot understand and read and speak her language? This medium is in fact the first and prime requisite, and the attaining of it is by no means unattended by difficulty and danger. The situation demands caution, for probably one half of all the racial hatred of Central Europe is due to attempts to force a new language on conquered peoples. Think for yourself what it must mean for an individual, a stranger in a foreign land, to change his entire vocabulary, when great nations find it difficult to change only a few words in their system of measurements. We must use tact and common sense in our procedure. Instead of compelling the aged foreigners to use English in their homes, we can show respect for the contributions made to the United States by each of their countries. Instead of forcing the laboring men to learn the language of their adopted country, we can, in bulletins and notices, printed in their own beloved tongue, picture for them the advantages to their own interests of a common language, and can invite them in an attractive way to our night schools and factory classes. Instead of creating in the little children disrespect and disregard for their ignorant parents, we can instill a desire to improve their condition and to make happier their lot. In elementary education, at any rate, the English language can be employed. Both parent and child will be eager to learn the words pertaining to practical, every day life. Who would not like to know in the language of his new country what he is eating, what he is wearing, what he is doing?

Now that we have a medium of intercourse, the immigrant is well on his way to becoming one of us. He is now ready to learn, how he, as an American, ought to live. He is ready to know what kind of houses Americans consider respectable, what kind of labor conditions their standards demand.

Here, for example, is a little Italian girl. How can her mind be developed before she is taught the simple principles of hygiene, cleanliness, and morality? Here is a Lithuanian boy. How can he even desire to become an upright, clean, good citizen of America, until the land of freedom demands something of him, even in personal appearance? Here is a Russian laborer. What opinion is he forming of democratic America, if he lives in a hut worse than the one he left in his poor, unfortunate Russia? Here is a Bohemian factory girl. With what love and respect will she regard—nay, with what love and respect can we hope to have her regard—her new country, if her employer absolutely ignores the improvement of laboring conditions where she toils? Citizens of America, the great appeal to the immigrant is so high a standard of living and housing and laboring conditions that he will be glad, glad that he has sought a respectable home in the clean, fresh land of America. To such a welcome his heart will respond in jubilant loyalty and devotion!

The immigrant has now completed the practical part of his education. He has learned the English language, and knows how to lead a wholesome life. With this knowledge he has, with all probability, acquired some of the American spirit. But the most important factor of his education for democracy is still to be secured. He has yet to be trained in "real, intelligent, fundamental citizenship." The principles of the American people are yet to be developed within him.

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