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SECOND LIBRARY LECTURE GIVEN

John G. Winter Speaks on "Greek Lands and Letters."

The second lecture of the series which is being put on under the auspices of the Alma College library was given in the college chapel on Friday evening, Dec. 3, by Prof. John G. Winter of the University of Michigan. He took for his topic "Greek Lands and Letters" and illustrated the lecture with many beautiful colored views. Mr. Winter was thoroughly full of his subject and an authority upon it, for he has visited Greece many times and has made a thorough study of the country, its people and their language and history and literature. He is at the head of the Greek department of the U. of M.

In the lecture Prof. Winter took his audience upon a sight-seeing trip. The start was made at Athens and many beautiful pictures of that interesting city and its immediate surroundings were shown including several views of the Acropolis and the ruins of the Partheon, Erectheum, and other buildings. From Athens they journeyed south through Corinth, old Mycenae and Sparta, then took a trip west to Olympia to view the site of the old Olympian games and farther north to the Delphic oracle at Delphi, on to Mt. Olympus, the old fabled home of the gods, back through the old historic vale of Tempe and the pass of Thermopylae to the field of Marathon. The trip ended at Pylos on the east coast. The pictures shown were carefully selected to bring out the main points of Mr. Winter's very interesting lecture which treated of the history of the objects shown as well as their present aspects, and their place in the literature of the country. Many of the slides were beautifully colored to bring out as far as possible the wonderful tints seen in Greek landscapes which are due to the very clear air and sunshine of that wonderful little country.

A lecture like this cannot help but have great cultural and educational value and those who heard it and saw the pictures will never forget the impressions received, for it was like a glimpse into an entirely different world.

The lectures which are being given all over the state as a part of the University Extension Course are sure to be almost uniformly good, for the University sends out its best speakers and offers a great variety of subjects. The movement is one that should receive the hearty support of any community, for it gives to the many people who do not have a chance to attend that great institution the opportunity to get at least a glimpse of the great work being done there. It also affords free to all, a great educational opportunity which we cannot afford to miss.

The next lecture of this course will be given by Miss Sara A. Pollock of Alma College at 8:15 p. m. in the college chapel on the evening of December 11. The subject will be "The Colonial Period in American Literature."

The next lecture of the Library course will be given on Saturday evening of this week, December 11th, in the college chapel, at 8:15 immediately following the Philomathean fair. The subject is one of timely interest,—in connection with the tercentenary of the Pilgrims,— "The Colonial Period in American Literature," by Miss Sara Alice Pollock. All are cordially invited to attend.

Copies of a reading list on the subject may be obtained by those persons who may care for them.

It takes a lot of nerve for a young married man to go into a store and buy a dozen safety pins from some girl he was once sweet on.

Modern woman wants the floor but she doesn't want to scrub it.

ORATORICAL CONTEST

Council Selects January 5 for the Mens' Contest, January 12 for the Women's.

A meeting of the Oratory and Debating Council of Alma College was held Friday noon. Letters from Hope and Olivet were read by the student-manager which makes it evident that the debating triangle this year will consist of its old membership—Hope, Olivet and Alma colleges. The older students of the college who remember the many hard fought debates between Olivet and the Maroon and Cream of the past will be glad to see Olivet again in the triangle.

The second matter brought up for discussion was that of the fixing of dates for the College Oratorical Contest, at which the man and the woman who will represent Alma in the state contest in the spring will be chosen. January 5 was finally settled upon as the date of the men's contest. The women's contest will be held one week later, on January 12.

The Council wishes to utter a word of exhortation to the Alma student-body at this time in regard to oratory. In one respect Alma stands rather at a disadvantage with the other colleges of the state in a state oratorical contest; because of the lateness of our own contest for the selection of a representative. This means that the two representatives of Alma will not have the same length of time for final practice and polishing on their orations that some others will have. Practically all the other colleges of the state have already had their college contests, some of them selected their representatives last spring. They only remedy we have for this state of affairs is to make the work from now on more intensive, thus only can we overcome the handicap.

Therefore an urgent call is made to the literary societies in the college, and to all outside of the literary societies who are at all interested in oratory, to bestir themselves most energetically to the end that every man and woman in Alma capable of appearing in an oratorical contest may be entered. Only by united and industrious effort will Alma be able to send orators to the state contest of whom she may be proud. Remember the dates—January 5th and 12th.

ALUMNI MARRY

Guerra-Roberts and Lockwood-McKay Nuptials Announced.

Word has been received at this office of the marriage of Mr. O. P. Guerra, an Alumnus, to Miss Anne Harriet Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Roberts of Saginaw. The marriage took place in Saginaw Wednesday, November the 24th. Mr. Clinton Seeley acted as best man. Mr. Guerra is at present teaching in the language department of one of the Saginaw high schools. While at Alma he was very active in oratory and debate, placing on the debate team and winning the oratorical contest in his senior year. He graduated in 1918. Mr. Seeley, the best man, was Guerra's roommate while at college.

The announcement of the marriage of Miss Arlene McKay to Mr. Ralph Lockwood of Lapeer has also come to us. The service was performed Thanksgiving day, Reverend Stephens of the Methodist church officiating. After a short honeymoon in Washington, D. C., the newly wedded pair will make their home at Lapeer. Miss McKay is a graduate of the kindergarten department of Alma.

The Almanian takes this opportunity of extending to these recently united couples, the best wishes of the Alma student body.

If a fellow tries to kiss a woman and gets away with it, he's a man; if he tries and doesn't get away with it, he's a brute; if he doesn't try to kiss her but would get away with it if he tried, he's a coward; and if he doesn't try to kiss her and wouldn't get away with it if he did, he's a wise man.—Selected.

Watch for the Maroon and Cream Play.

Y. M. AND Y. W. START DRIVE

Plan to Bring Foreign Student to Alma.

Beginning yesterday, December 6, the Christian Associations of Alma College united in a financial drive which is enlisting the interest of every student in the college, and which bids fair to set a precedent which succeeding generations of students may well follow. Since the war a deeper interest in the students of other lands, in world problems generally, and especially in work for the Kingdom, has been evident among the college students of the United States. The present drive is, in part, a response on the part of Alma students to that urge. In years gone by the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A.'s have had their drives for funds for mission work both at home and abroad but because that work was an abstraction to most of us, something far removed from our daily lives and responsibilities, we have not responded to their calls un-faillingly.

This year a fund is being raised to provide for bringing a foreign student to Alma next year. It is probable that this student will be someone who is intending to do mission work among his own people upon the completion of his education. Negotiations are under way with the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions and there seems little doubt but that they will be able to send us such a student. Provided—here is our part—we can furnish some assistance to the student. Students in the pagan countries are, in general, even worse off financially than students here, and so to bring one of them here we must lend him some assistance. The sum necessary to provide for the board, lodging, and tuition of a student at Alma is estimated at between \$350.00 and \$400. The College has offered to double whatever amount the students raise for this purpose, thus the amount asked for is just half that sum. The generosity of the College in making their offer should not be overlooked, with such aid at the start should we fail in our portion of the task?

A unique method of obtaining subscriptions has been worked out by the committee in charge of the drive. A large map of China has been made, marked off into 175 squares which will be sold for \$1.00 per square. As each square is sold it will be shaded in red or black, depending whether it is bought by a member of the Y. M. C. A. or the Y. W. C. A. There will be facilities in the administration building for the taking of subscriptions between classes and during chapel time each day of the drive, and in addition a field corp of six real estate agents has been selected to canvass the students personally. The drive is waged in the form of a contest between the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A., the winner being the organization which obtains its quota first.

The budget for the drive contains a fifty dollar apportionment to the cause of the students in the Near East, this amount is divided equally between the two competing associations. Thus the total quota of the Y. M. C. A. is \$112.50, \$87.50 for the foreign student and \$25.00 for the Near East fund. The challenge sent by the Y. W. C. A., however, further stipulates that while the Y. M. C. A. can win the contest by raising \$112.50, the Y. W. C. A. further pledges itself to raise \$40.00 additional. This extra \$40.00 is to take care of Y. W. pledges made to the women's work in Tokyo, Japan, and the state of Kentucky.

At the Thursday night meetings the drive was discussed by both organizations and much enthusiasm was shown. The drive will last the five days of December 6-11. Pledges to the Y. M. C. A. are made payable the last week of the present semester. It is earnestly hoped that every student of the college will contribute to the very best of his ability.

MAROON & CREAM PLAY

"The Man From Home" by Booth Tarkington Chosen.

It was decided at a joint meeting of the Junior and Senior classes that the two classes should in collaboration present a play some time in January, the proceeds to be used by the two classes in meeting the remaining debt on last year's Maroon and Cream and the issue for the coming year. A joint committee decided on "The Man From Home" by Booth Tarkington. The play is a forceful drama in four acts and presents an opportunity for some very thorough work. It was first presented at the Studebaker Theater in Chicago in 1907 where it ran for a year with William Hodge in the leading role. Parts have been assigned and under the able direction of Professor Hamilton rehearsals will soon begin. The two classes have gone into the undertaking whole-heartedly and it is hoped that they will have the support of the entire college in their effort to make the play a success.

BOX SOCIAL

All College Affair Friday Night in the Gymnasium.

Friday night in the college gymnasium there will be held an old fashioned box-social, together with other entertainment. Every one was sure that there should be at least one all college party before the holidays but no one seemed to know just what or when it should be. It is decided. The Senior class which is managing the affair has consented to lay aside for the evening their proverbial dignity and will furnish the entertainment in the form of stunts. It is rumored also that coffee will be served. The first part of the evening will be taken up with stunts, games, etc. This will be followed by the auctioning off of the boxes and after this there will be dancing for those who care to enjoy this form of entertainment. Remember, this is an all college affair, and let's make it such in fact as well as theory! Everybody out for a good time Friday night at 7 o'clock sharp in the college gymnasium.

CLASSICAL CLUB

The meeting of the Classical Club Wednesday evening, December 1, was opened with the singing of "Adeste Fidelis." Roll call was responded to by the seals of the states. After a short business meeting, the program was taken up. Dr. Ewing read a paper written by Allan Bowman on "The Roman Family." Miss Ward read to us and told us something about Roman architecture. A very interesting paper on "Seneca" was read by Marjorie MacCurdy. Then followed an interesting discussion by Russell Wilson, Gordon Boyce, and Mlle. Boisset on "Why We Have a Classical Club. The meeting closed with the singing of "Integer Vitae."

PARTY FOR MRS. PERRIGO

On November 20, a number of Alpha Theta girls gathered at the Bradley home on Elwell street. The occasion was a party in honor of Jeanne Miller Perrigo. Games, music and stunts furnished delightful entertainment for the afternoon. Refreshments such as are rarely served were enjoyed by all, as was the "homey" atmosphere of hospitality which pervaded everything. A small gift was presented to Jeanne as an expression of the friendship formed while she was in school.

"The Man From Home"—Strand soon.

INTER-CLASS TILTS BEGIN

Sophomores and Freshmen Win Basketball Openers.

The first of the inter-class basketball games, played Thursday afternoon in the college gymnasium, left the Freshmen and Sophomores each with one victory to their credit, and spelled defeat for their rivals, the Juniors, who played the Sophomores, and the Seniors, who played the Freshmen. The score of the Junior-Sophomore game was 7-13, and that of the Senior-Freshman game, 2-23.

The first half of the Soph-Junior game was hotly contested. Both teams went into the game with a snap, but the Juniors got the jump on their opponents, and aided by the stellar work of Jimmy Howe, were able to score seven points to their opponents' four. In the second half Captain Dahlgren's men tightened their defense and held the Juniors scoreless, while they rolled up nine points. The feature of this half was the accurate foul throwing of Beattie, who counted up a point every time he was given the ball for a free throw. Jerry Marks, who was in the first part of the half, showed a speedy style of play, and Dahlgren and Scott proved strong men on offensive and defensive. For the Juniors, Howe was the star, and Wyatt and Williams showed up very well.

The game between the yearlings and the Seniors was badly one sided in the score, but was more hotly contested than that might indicate. The Freshman showing may be attributed largely to the work of Kirker, Arbaugh and Hulson. The Detroit star rang up score after score, while his teammate in the forward position put up a fine piece of playing. The Seniors failed in the game through their inability to shoot baskets, failing a number of times to make what seemed almost certain ringers. Their play on defense was strong, but not strong enough to stop the Freshman forwards.

If these first two games of the schedule are reliable indicators, it would seem that the struggle for the championship lies between the Freshman and Sophomore classes. The yearlings, remembering their defeat in football, are out for revenge, and the Sophomores are struggling to hold the supremacy which they gained in basketball last year. The greatest weakness of the Sophomores seems to be in the forward positions, while it is here that the Freshmen are especially strong. The Freshman-Sophomore game will be the last of the series, and certainly should prove to be an exciting one.

Summary and lineup.

Juniors		Sophomores	
Johnstone	rf	Pratt	
Howe	lf	Beattie	
Williams	c	Waggoner	
Wyatt	rg	Dahlgren	
Vreeland	lg	Scott	
Substitutions—Marks for Pratt, Wilson for Marks.			
Score—			
Sophomores	13		
Juniors	7		
Freshmen			
Amos	rf	Kirker	
Barnhart	lf	Hudson	
French	c	Cathcart	
Perrigo	rg	Arbaugh	
Sharrar	lg	Van Page	
Score—			
Seniors	2		
Freshmen	23		
Referee—Coach Steele.			

Seventy-three colleges and universities of this country now have correspondence courses of study. Of these, sixty-one are state institutions and twelve are privately endowed.

Maroon and Cream Play Coming.

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INVEST

The drive which the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. are putting on to raise enough money to bring a foreign student to Alma is a worthy one. It is a practical missionary work and deserves the support of every man and woman on the campus. The large majority of the money given for missionary purposes, although it accomplishes great things, bring no results which we can see. Its work is done in far off lands, China, India or Africa. But the money which is raised in this drive will go to a work which we may see. It will bring to our college halls a student of some far off land, who is seeking to obtain a Christian American education. We can watch him as he progresses in his work, and advances in his ability. We can see the accomplishment wrought by the money which we may give to his support. But that is not the vital factor. When that student has finished his work at Alma he will be in a position to go back to his native country, to carry with him the teachings which he has received. He will go back equipped to do missionary work in his own country. Through this act, what he receives from us, he will multiply an hundredfold.

Every cent which is contributed to the drive will be a worthy investment; one which will bring great returns. No gilt edge security or stock offers a better opportunity to multiply the value of what we may have to give. That is why every man or woman in Alma college who cannot say, "I have done my part in this drive," has let slip a precious opportunity to do a great deal of good.

Y. M. C. A.

Rittenger, Manwaring, and Dasef, who were delegation leaders at the Y. M. C. A. conference held in Grand Rapids during the Thanksgiving vacation made a report of their impressions at the Thursday evening "Y" meeting. The speeches covered respectively the three days of the conference. Rittenger was the first to report, and he told of the first speech given by Professor Tom Graham of Oberlin College on "The Manhood of the Master" and an address by Dr. Hough of Detroit on "The World We Are Making." Dasef's report covered Graham's address on the Christian Church, in which he brought out the vastness of the organization and work of that institution, and a message from Russia brought by E. T. Colton of New York. The Sunday services were reported by Manwaring, and he especially dwelt on Mr. Colton's address, "Four Kinds of Boys." The four were given as: Those who are winning their fight against temptation; those who are fighting a drawn battle; those who are slipping back; and those who have given up the fight.

In business session, the challenge of the Y. W. C. A. to a real estate contest was accepted, and Pratt, Beshgetoor and Foster were appointed as the Y. M. C. A. solicitors.

PHILOMATHEAN

Monday evening, November 22, the Philomathean Literary Society held an interesting meeting. The topic of the evening was Mark Twain. Roll call was answered by anecdotes concerning Mark Twain. Helen Scott responded to the impromptu, "Taming Mark Twain." Marjorie Mackie gave an interesting paper on the life of the great American humorist Louise Hainline read some humorous selections from "Innocents Abroad."

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One great English chemist, Lord Rayleigh, found that the nitrogen obtained from the air was never so pure as that obtained from some compound like ammonia. What was the "impurity"? In co-operation with another prominent chemist, Sir William Ramsay, it was discovered in an entirely new gas—"argon." Later came the discovery of other rare gases in the atmosphere. The air we breathe contains about a dozen gases and gaseous compounds.

This study of the air is an example of research in pure science. Rayleigh and Ramsay had no practical end in view—merely the discovery of new facts.

A few years ago the Research Laboratories of the General Electric Company began to study the destruction of filaments in exhausted lamps in order to ascertain how this happened. It was a purely scientific undertaking. It was found that the filament evaporated—boiled away, like so much water.

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Sometimes years must elapse before the practical application of a discovery becomes apparent, as in the case of argon; sometimes a practical application follows from the mere answering of a "theoretical" question, as in the case of a gas-filled lamp. But no substantial progress can be made unless research is conducted for the purpose of discovering new facts.

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SECOND LYCEUM NUMBER

Presented by the Paulo Gruppe Com-
pany at the Strand Theatre.

The second number of the lyceum course was given at the Strand Theater, Monday, November 29, by the Paulo Gruppe Company. In addition to Paulo Gruppe, the distinguished violincellist, the company included Robert Monaghan, tenor, Camille Plasschaert, violinist; and Gladys Corey Smith, pianist. The first number rendered was Beethoven's Allegro Andante, played by Plasschaert, Gruppe, and Smith. A well balanced program, including solos by Mr. Monaghan, several beautifully executed pieces on the violin, played by Plasschaert, and other selections by Paulo Gruppe and the company. Like the first lyceum number, this one was of a superior quality, and reflects well on those who were instrumental in bringing these artists to Alma.

PHI PHI ALPHA

The last meeting of Phi Phi Alpha literary society for the first term was opened by the President, Mr. Barnhart. Reports of the various committees were given, and the society proceeded with the tri-annual election of officers. The following men were selected to conduct the meetings of the society for the ensuing term:

President—Claire Perrigo.
Vice President—Frank M. Vreeland.
Secretary—Russell H. Wilson.
Treasurer—Roy Williams.
First Critic—J. Thomas Dasef.
Second Critic—Lyle De Barnhart.
Marshall—Richard L. Waggoner.
Janitor—James L. McKnight.
Assistant Janitor—Victor Douglas.
Almanian Reporter—Stuart S. Pratt.

After other business details had been attended to, Mr. Claude Eckles favored the society with a very elaborate and unique lecture on art. Mr. Eckles displayed several paintings by Alma's woman artist, Miss Myrtle VanHousen Walker, whom several art critics have pronounced a master. Several of the paintings were real masterpieces, and worthy of a place in some good gallery.

After viewing the paintings at a close range, and receiving various suggestions concerning them from Mr. Eckles the meeting was adjourned.

ALUMNI

Alma graduates do things. An example of this is found in the work which is being done by Hurd Allyn Drake, pastor of the Hope Presbyterian Church of Elgin, Illinois. In 1918 Mr. Drake won the Stewardship Prize Essay competition with the essay, "Giving God a Square Deal." It was printed in pamphlet form, and is the second most widely distributed piece of work of this kind. Mr. Drake has also written some poetry; one of his works, a Thanksgiving poem, appears in a current issue of a religious publication. Not only in the literary field, but in the executive field as well, this man's ability has been shown. His work brought the Layman's Missionary Convention to Elgin a few years ago, and he was in charge of the "Go to Church" drive and the Religious census of his city. He has been on the faculty of the Winona Lake Young People's Conference and at the Detroit Presbyterian Young People's conference this year. Even this resume does not cover all the important work which Mr. Drake has done. He is an Alumnus who is a credit to his college.

Y. W. C. A.

The regular meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was held in Wright Hall, December 2, 1920. It was in the form of a business meeting. The Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A. are planning a campaign for the purpose of raising \$265.00, the Y. W. C. A. raising \$152.50 and the Y. M. C. A. \$112.50. This is to be divided among the following: European Student Relief \$50.00, Miss Dunning \$20.00, Foreign Student in Our College \$175.00, Smith College, Kentucky, \$10, Woman's College in Japan \$10. A very unique plan was originated for the purpose of raising this money. Real estate agents will be sent out selling tracts of land for a dollar.

Miss Helen Platt talked about Miss Dunning and her work, Miss Helen Brien told of the work done at Smith College, Kentucky. Miss Emma Ritter spoke on the college at Tokyo, Japan.

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ALPHA THETA
 The Alpha Theta Literary society held its regular meeting November 22, studying briefly English and German artists. Names of English and German painters with their works were given in answer to roll call. Lucille Le Vanseler gave the weekly report of current events. The lecture of Mr. Cross on American Colonial Art was reviewed in an impromptu by Margaret Moore. Helen Brien then gave an excellent sketch of the article, "Revolution Reflected in the New Art of Germany." A talk by Irene Anguish on the life of the great English painter, Joshua Reynolds, illustrated by his picture, "The Age of Innocence," completed the evening's program.

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