

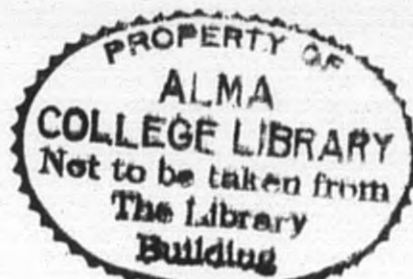
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"Y" DRIVE SUCCESSFUL

Quotas Reached in First Two Days.

A foreign student at Alma is an assured fact. The drive which the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. put on for this purpose proved an entire success. A week was set as the time for the pledges to be taken and the first two days of the drive saw the quotas of both organizations exceeded. Never have the students responded more loyally or generously to a plea which has been made to them.

The work of the drive was thoroughly organized. Following the outlined plan, that of selling "real estate" in China and Armenia, the solicitors thoroughly combed the field which had been assigned to them. The Y. M. C. A. was represented by three of these solicitors, Pratt, Foster and Beshgetoor; those who did the collecting for the Y. W. C. A. were Louise Hainline, Emma Ritter, and Ruth Stewart. The drive owes much of its success to the earnest efforts of these workers.

As the drive was, in a sense, a contest between the men and women of the college, and since under the stipulations of the challenge issued by the Y. W. C. A. and accepted by the men, the Y. M. C. A. quota was the first to be raised, that organization technically holds the victory. However, the fact that the girls' organization set for itself a goal some thirty dollars higher than that of their competitors, they must be given credit for the extra work which was done in raising it. The quota of the Y. M. C. A. \$112.50 was attained Monday evening at 9:30, and the next evening the Y. W. C. A. goal had been reached. Present reports indicate that the total amount raised by the Y. W. C. A. to date is \$154 dollars, while the figures for the Y. M. C. A. due to duplication of pledges, is uncertain; it will be in the neighborhood of \$130.

There were two unique features of the campaign; the first was real estate maps, which indicated "land" sold, or in other words the pledges attained, those of the men being shown by filling in the squares with red, and those of the women by blue coloring. It was only a short time till all the white was gone, for quick work sold "land" which is a sound investment. The other feature was the Daily Almanianette, which appeared daily on the bulletin board of the administration building, and which, in addition to giving news of the campaign was filled with material concerning foreign needs and foreign mission work. Undoubtedly this clever publication had its effect in obtaining pledges.

The work which has just been finished is a credit to the Alma student body. A fund which was to be raised in a week was more than raised in two days. Every student forgot the material benefit which he might seemingly gain by withholding his contribution, and gave ungrudgingly, and freely. It is a tribute to the students that they were able to do so. And because we have been successful in this effort, a foreign student will be given the benefit of a Christian American education in Alma college.

NOTICE

This will be the last edition of the Almanian before the Christmas holidays. The next number will be published January 11th. This next issue will be entirely in charge of the girls, a co-ed edition.

Since this is the last number before Christmas, allow us to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a most happy and successful New Year.

ALL-COLLEGE DANCE

Given By Seniors in Gym Friday.

The All-College dance given on Friday, December 10, illustrated well the ability of the Seniors to succeed in all they attempted. Indeed, it showed their desire to offer entertainment which should please the majority of the students.

Promptly at 7:15, Wright Hall Buzzers carried their usual telegrams to the second and third floors. In record time the couples assembled in the gymnasium. Gustafson furnished the music until Thomas and Gallagher arrived from the city of Alma. All were merry and light hearted. As the familiar strains of "Whispering" and "An Old Fashioned Garden" floated through the room, many realized why dancing is so popular. To express one's feelings to the accomplishment of throbbing music is a joy not to be resisted! Even after the least measures of "Home Sweet Home" had died away, merriment and good feeling pervaded all. One could not be sad when surrounded by such enthusiasm.

Yes, the Seniors do know something of human nature; they do know that young people, and especially boys, like to eat and drink. The rapidity with which the ruby colored punch disappeared proved that fact.

If old Father Time could have watched that gathering of jolly boys and girls, it seems that he must have become loath to place unreasonable restrictions upon their recreations, upon their expressions of happiness. But chaperones such as Miss Conye and Coach Steel are not restrictions but are jolly good additions which increase the enjoyment of those around them.

At College dances it is always a pleasure to welcome back old students. This evening Beulah Packard, Harry Dunning, and Victor Crittenden returned to visit college friends. It was rumored that Crittenden might come back next semester and use his pitching ability for the glory of Alma college. Three cheers for Crit!

Another visitor to whom Alma extends a most hearty welcome is Mrs. Way, the successor to Miss Albertson. It was good to see the interest she displayed in coming over to the dance for a short time with Dean Pollock.

Yes, college dances are wonderful! They help the students to shake off the moods of despair and discouragement which so often come, and they offer an occasion for a good time in which all may join if they will. Thank you, Seniors.

ATTEND BANQUET

College Men "Swipe" at Chamber of Commerce Celebration.

Only the best blood of the city, so report the papers, attended the chamber of commerce banquet which was held at the high school Friday evening. If that be so, the men of Alma college may consider themselves to be of the "best blood," for did not every species of the genus homo who haunts this aged institution of learning, and who can lay claim to any ability whatsoever in the strenuous form of exercise known as slinging hash, attend the banquet.

Verily, every brave hearted man in Pioneer Hall and the outlying wilderness donned a white coat and sailed forth to feed the city's noblest. Williams it was, none other than the noble Williams, who, with a smile upon his radiant countenance, marshalled the forces, and directed them in their labors. And other noble men were there. Amos, of the Wright Hall force, with Kemp, Perrigo, Hastings and Wilson, strong men from the Wright House, and a sturdy crew from the Tiffin. All joined in the grand celebration. And now all hearts are beating high in anticipation of the hard, cold simoleon which will be the reward of work well done, or loafing cleverly concealed.

DEAN POLLOCK GIVES LECTURE

Third of Series; "Colonial Literature" Is Topic.

Saturday evening, December 11. Miss Sara Alice Pollock presented a most interesting discussion of American literature during the Colonial period. The first American song, composed by F. Hopkinson, was sung by Miss Fromelda Young, after which Miss Pollock spoke.

The literature of our country is a transplanted one, carrying with it all the inheritance and training of an England under Elizabeth and her successors. The folk migrating from the older country to the new drew from all classes; the cavalier sought adventure, the Puritan desired freedom of worship of their own interpretation and a freedom of expression. Naturally the latter, which dominated the Northern section, produced the greater part of the literary achievements of the period.

The main feature of the age which produced much of the literary effort of the Colonial period was the waning influence of Puritanism. After the country had been settled by men who were not of that faith, controversy sprang up between the two factions. William Bradstreet and John Winthrop were the earliest historians and they tell the story of the Pilgrim and Puritan from within the precincts of the faith. Thomas Morton, the first dissenter wrote satirically of the Puritans, while Nathaniel Ward presented a stern, unrelenting view of the true faith. Roger Williams, a sort of religious pamphleteer contested strongly with John Satton regarding the persecution of dissenters.

In the field of poetry the same tendencies hold true. Anne Bradstreet wrote with true lyrical interpretation and emotional feeling. Michael Wigglesworth and his "Day of Doom" are of the very essence of Colonialism which ruled the Puritan life. In the church itself, the love of rhythm and swing produced the Big Psalm Book which enjoyed a great popularity. This was the first book published on this continent.

The struggle for Puritanism was ably carried on by the Mathers, Cotton Mathers and Fresrease Mather Booth were able men, ambitious for the church, but they ever realized that they had failed. Samuel Servell, a judge in the Salem Witchcraft disgraces, repented of his sentences and even confessed that he was in the wrong. These men who were staunch supporters of the Puritan church were obliged to acknowledge, even in Chagrin, that it was losing its foot-hold.

Oyerstepping a bit the period, a contrast between two great men, Jonathan Edwards and Benjamin Franklin was made. The former is perhaps, America's most learned and expert theologian. Benjamin Franklin was a materialist, with ideas of usefulness. His "autobiography" is one of the most noted in all literature.

The Colonial period was ruled by a courage and endurance which dominated its members. The very fact that any literature was produced during such strenuous times is the marvel. Miss Pollock's lecture made us realize just how great a debt do we owe to these ancestors, who did so much in furthering learning and real prosperity.

State-craft is barren of high ideals. It is on a plane that is low, coarse and brutal. We assume that nations must be greedy, egotistic, truculent and non-moral. As a matter of fact, altruism and good manners are as necessary between states as between individuals.—Crane.

PHILO FAIR

Annual Society Bazaar Takes Place Saturday.

The annual Philomathean fair was held in Wright Hall, Saturday, December 11. Four booths occupied the large reception room. The candy booth in the center front, the fancy work booth back of it, the novelty and bake-goods booths to right and left respectively. All were decorated in the society colors, orange and black.

In the small reception room was the Japanese booth. A large Japanese parasol hung in the center of the room and lanterns were placed effectively about. Girls dressed in Japanese style completed the background for the Buddhas, lucky dogs and many other weird things on sale there.

Small tables, each with an electric lamp, and neatly printed menus were arranged in the Y. W. room where refreshments were served.

The fair this year was the most successful ever held in the history of the society.

GIVE TEA

Wright Hall Open House For Women of the City.

On December 9, Dean Pollock and the girls of Wright Hall were at home to the ladies of the town from 3:30 till 5:30 o'clock. The guests were met at the door by the freshman girls who introduced them to Dean Pollock and the upperclass women who acted as hostesses. There was a short musical program during the tea. Helen Huff played a piano solo, "Romance," by La Forge and Fromelda Young sang two songs, "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice" from "Samson et Dalila" and "Oh! Love, But a Day."

After the program the girls conducted the guests through the hall. This is the first of Wright Hall "at home" days. The ladies seemed to enjoy it and we cordially invite them to come again.

Y. M. C. A.

Those who attended the Y. M. C. A. meeting Thursday evening had the rare privilege of hearing "Dad" Angell speak. Mr. Angell is an alumnus of Alma College, having graduated in the class of 1906. At present he is the Y. M. C. A. secretary for the seven northern states.

In his speech Angell related a number of instances concerning men whom he had known in college and who are now in active Christian service throughout the world. Those who had taken up no form of Christian service, he said, have practically been forgotten. Christ's influence is being spread throughout the whole world by Alma college graduates. If the Alma men of today follow in the footsteps of these alumni, the future students of Alma can well be proud of them.

Further, he said that if the fame of Alma college is not what it should be, it is because students have failed to live up to the Christian precepts of those who have gone before. But as long as there are praying men in Alma college, we do not need to fear.

He brought out, too, the fact that if the students of Alma realized how great sacrifices some of the men who are contributing to the support of this institution are making, they would not only work harder to get the most out of what the college has to offer, and thus make the money which is given do the greatest good, but they would, as well, have greater care lest they cause needless expenditure of the college funds.

As a closing, he brought out the fact that any Christian alumnus of Alma would have given a great deal to be with the group of "Y" fellows as he was; and finally, that we have the opportunity of making Alma a college to which fathers and mothers will be glad to send their children.

LOWER CLASSES ARE WINNERS

Sophs and Frosh Win Second Inter-Class Basketball Games.

The Freshman and Sophomore basketball teams proved themselves to be the contenders for the championship in the games Tuesday, when the Sophomores defeated the Seniors by a 10 to 1 score, and the Juniors went down to defeat before the Freshmen at the short end of a 12 to 4 count.

The results were what had been expected from the showing of the week before. Both of the lower class teams are continuing a fast pace, and the game to decide the championship will undoubtedly be a fast one. On the same date the Juniors and Seniors will decide the cellar championship. Both sets of teams will be more evenly matched than the pairs in the previous games have been.

The Freshman aggregation, with the same line-up as last week, easily ran away with the heavier Junior team. Kirker and Arbaugh showed up to even better advantage than they have before, and the work of the big guard and the basket shooting of the star forward were the features of the game. As a unit, the team was much stronger than that of the Juniors. The upperclassmen by no means laid down on the job, but put up a stiff opposition to the Frosh all through the game.

The Seniors were unable to stand against the strong attack of the Sophomores, and were not able to score against that team's defense, so that a lone tally gained on a foul was all that stood to their credit when the final whistle blew. On the other hand, the Sophs rolled up ten points in that time. The Senior team was strengthened in this game by VanPage, the heavy Frosh guard, who filled a deficiency in their numbers. Big "Hawk" French also showed up to good advantage in this fray. The Sophs were held to a low score in the first half, but in the second they staged a characteristic comeback, and tallied enough points to assure a decisive victory.

Summary and line-up:

Seniors	Sophomores
Amos	R. F. Marks
Barnhart	L. F. Beattie
French	C. Wagoner
Sharrar	R. G. Dahlgren
VanPage	L. G. Scott
Substitutions—Douglas for French Seniors 1, Sophomores 10.	
Seniors	Freshmen
Johnstone	R. F. Kirker
Howe	L. F. Hudson
Williams	C. Cathcart
Wyatt	R. G. Arbaugh
Vreeland	L. G. VanPage
Seniors 4, Freshmen 12.	
Referee Coach Steele.	

Y. W. C. A.

The regular meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was held in Wright Hall, Thursday, December 10. The meeting was led by Miss Ruth Stewart who spoke on the subject of kindness. She read the story of the "Good Samaritan," showing that kindness should be intimately related and part of all helpful qualities. Real kindness means sympathy, mercy, service and friendship. Kindness gives sweetness of character and it should be cultivated so that it will become part of our nature. Kindness should be prompted by love having no thought of patronage or leaving no sting. She emphasized the points in her talk by telling the story of the Russian peasant who received Christ by his deeds of kindness to those in need.

"The Man from Home"—Strand soon.

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CHARACTER AND CHARACTER BUILDING

Nearly every writer of this and all the ages, has at some time or other, attempted to set forth an appeal for the formation of better character. It would be somewhat interesting to note to just what extent the world at large has been benefited by these messages; for it would be unjust to presume that each appeal had fallen short in the realization of its purpose. Truly, whatever improvement we may be able to make in our own lives, improves others. No one can grow in his own character, without visibly aiding others to fulfill a broader, better, more unselfish purpose in life. On the other hand, the fouler, the more corrupt a person allows his character to become, the worse his associates, his community, or his country becomes. Each individual has an influence, great or small in this world, if it be for the bad no one suffers more than himself; if it be for the betterment of mankind, satisfaction and contentment may attend him in his old age. And then, "Virtue is its own reward."

There are few places more appropriate for the building of sound, reliable character than at college. Yet we find ourselves daily slipping into the old "rut" the so called "path of least resistance;" either because we lack the moral courage to climb a few feet of the "rock of habit" to the better path, or because we have no high ideals or aspirations for the future. Each day we spend at college, helps to mould our character. It seems that the spirit which works for the betterment of our character—when it is allowed to work—is within us, and that which seeks to destroy what the other has built up is outside. Both spirits accompany us wherever we go; the class room, chapel, theatre, pool-room, or dormitory. Within us a continuous battles between the two spirits, for the possession of all our spiritual resources. As we grow older, the heat of the struggle gradually ceases, and spread our own influence, good or bad, to the world at large. It is because we are at that stage of life when character is most surely—if not easily—formed, that we take this particular view. Everyone should be schooled to take a vital interest in the formation of higher ideals, and in the building of a stronger character, that he may be better prepared to withstand the charge of Life's chivalry. It is because we do not take interest in our own character-building, that we are so weak. Goethe expresses his lament in a few simple words; "The formation of his character is not, as it ought to be, the chief concern of every man." Truly, the time for us to become concerned with the rooting out of our own selfishness, and in the forming of higher ideals, is now; and the sooner we set about our task, the greater will be our reward and the more the world will honor us.

No great progress can be made in the direction of character-building without aspiration. No man ever reached a goal higher than his habitual thoughts. It is he who aspires to higher things that achieves high thinks." A man without aspirations is like a ship without a rudder; he is tossed and blown about the Sea of Life for time indefinite, a wayfarer, a tramp, a misfit, until he is at last thrown violently against the shore for which he had made no preparations. For the man with spiritual preparation, with strong, forceful character to guide him in and out the shoals, the Sea of Life has no terrors. On occasion, he may be buffeted about by a storm or two but after a brief conference with his

character, guided judgment, he strives patiently on toward his goal. "Did you ever hear of a man who had striven all his life faithfully toward an object, and in no means obtained it? If a man constantly aspires, is he not elevated?"

—D. G. B.

THE STUDENT FORUM

We are this week printing a communication which has been handed in for the student forum, and so we feel that at this time we may well direct the attention of the student body to the fact that we have a department in which students may freely express their opinion on any subject. This department, it should be understood, is not one which necessarily expresses the editorial opinion of the paper, but it is one in which the ideas and thoughts of any student may be expressed.

The communication which we are publishing this week is on a subject concerning which there is a great division of opinion. It presents forcefully one side of the question. We would be glad to receive further articles on the subject.

STUDENT FORUM

A COLLEGE FOR CHARACTER OR AMUSEMENT

Editor Student Forum.

Dear Sir:
Last year a vociferous minority of our student body wrested a so-called "reform" from the Board of Trustees, which at the time, occasioned much discussion. A change which many Alma students did not want, and others were indifferent to, was brought about by a chain of specious arguments, (many of which were not based on fact) by the aid of a few of our faculty, and by the singular apathy of the board of trustees.

Against the objections raised to campus-dancing assertions were made that "our recreational program was not well balanced," and that life here was too "dead" for the abaverage modern student. Yet in spite of this vital defect Alma had, in the years preceding, sent men and women into the world who were admirably fitted for life's tasks, and whose most cherished memories were of some of the "dead" times they had had at old Alma.

Furthermore, at the time when dancing was being asked the report was circulated and generally believed that dancing would not be allowed to monopolize the social life of the college—that there would not be more than two or three dances a semester on the campus and that the dances would be, in fact, all-college parties in which those who did not care to dance would have other modes of recreation. How has this promise been lived up to? When the Student Council met to draw up "Dancing Regulations" some months later, twice a month was set as the maximum times that dancing would be allowed. What has been the result of this rule? Statistics show that in less than three months that have elapsed of the present college year there have been six All-college dances and two society-college dances! This can only be defended as legal by reliance on a technicality—which if recognized as legal would make the number of campus dances practically unlimited, (save, of course, as they were "restricted" by the Student Council). The regulations say "campus dances shall not exceed twice a month" and then campus-dances are defined as "dances to which all college students are invited." Thus the Student Council may authorize any number of dances so long as only a portion of the students are invited, which is a technicality so easily lived up to that it practically neutralizes the dancing restrictions.

What is to be done about it? Can or will the Student Council restrict dancing? The question is yet to be answered.

How often might a man pimple a set of type in a bag and flying them out on the ground before they would fall into an exact poem? What can be more foolish than to think that this rare fabric of heaven and earth could come by chance?—Taylor.

"What makes your cat so small?"
"Oh, I brought him up on condensed milk."—D. M. M.—Michigan '20.

Watch for "The Man from Home." it pays.

CAMPUS COLUMN

Soph—Hey, Frosh, why have you those loud socks on?

Frosh—To keep my feet from going to sleep.

Some Joque

A Freshman while wearing his toque
To a co-ed quite daringly spoke;
When he asked her to dine
She was forced to decline,
For she knew that the freshman was
broque.—Michigan Gargoyle.

Advertisement in Milliner's window:
Wanted—Girls to trim rough sailors.

Mrs. B.—In what course do you expect your son to graduate, Mrs. J?
Mrs. J.—In the course of time, I suppose.

Have you ever stepped into Wright Hall and been deafened by the splashing of water overhead? No. Neither have we.

A Shortage Somewhere
An advertisement of a popular spectacular photo play has this to say of two of its attractions:
5, 600 people!—4,000 costumes!
Oh Boy, gimme two—first row.

A PROHIBITION BALLAD

(With apologies to Rob't W. Service)
The boys were whooping it up in the
Busy Bee,
The kid that handles the soda squirt
was shaking a cake for me,
Back of the bar with a raspberry
flop sat Dangerous Don McGrew
And watching him toy with the cherry
on top was the lady that's
known as Lew.
When out of the night which was
soft and warm and into the din and
the glare
There stumbled a snake from the
Wright Hall dance, there was
rice powder caked in his hair,
He looked like a man with one foot
in the grave, with scarcely the
strength of a mouse,
After waltzing a skirt of three hundred
pounds all over the blooming
house.
(To be continued when we get up
enough nerve).

The Kiss

"But"—
"No."
"Just"—
"No."
"Once"—
"No."
"Please"—
"No—"
* * * * *
"Henry, why didn't you shave?"
—Exchange.

University women from nearly a score of nations were present at recent first meeting of the International Federation of University Women, which was held at Bedford College, London. The purpose of the federation is to promote friendly relations and the exchange of the students and professors, and to conduct independent research in matters of municipal and public welfare.

At the last convention of the New England Music Trades Association, held in September at Boston, credit was given the Eighteenth Amendment for the overwhelming demand of the past six months for musical instruments. Manufacturers are several months behind in filling their orders.

Only thirteen years of age, but a High School graduate, and has passed all of the entrance exams for Wellesley. This is the record of Marjorie Stiles of Westfield, Massachusetts. However on account of her age, the authorities will not admit her until she is fourteen.

Have a time and place for everything and do everything in time and place, and you will not only accomplish more, but have far more leisure than those who are always in a hurry, as if vainly attempting to overtake lost time.—Edwards.

Grinnell College, Iowa, recently put on a week's campaign for "Grinnell-in-China," putting out special issues of their paper, "The Scarlet and Black," and raising \$7200 for the project.

A thinking man doesn't have to run to fop vaudeville shows to be amused; he is well entertained on a higher scale by the observation and study of nature.

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Ex-S. A. T. C. Waiter—"Marines in the mud, two squads, deploy 'em, cup of reveille and colored shock troops."—Rutgers Targum.

All of us meet with occasional blows from fate, in the form of insults or ingratitude, or trickery. But if we get nothing else but those disappointing experiences from life, we may rest assured that the fault lies somewhere in ourselves.—Wilcox.

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FORMER STUDENT WRITES
Editor of the Almanian:
I am enclosing a check for two dollars for the Almanian. I would like as many of the back numbers as you are able to sent.

I am teaching the third grade, and I have about thirty or thirty-five youngsters to take care of. Besides I am coaching the girls' basket ball, and teaching physical training in high school. Outside of school I teach a Sunday school class, and sing in the choir in church. So you see I have enough to keep me occupied. Cedaredge is a little place of about about three or four hundred; located up in the mountains on a flat place (these flat places are called "mesas" from Spanish I think). We are fifteen miles from a railroad station, so you see we hear from the outside world occasionally. We are on the west side of the Rockies and about forty-five miles from Grand Junction. Many of my youngsters have never ridden on a train—few of them have seen one.

This is a big fruit raising section—I never saw such nice big apples as I saw this fall. The other main industry, or rather occupation, is cattle ranging. The cattle feed on the hills all summer and now in the fall of the year, they are brought. The boys here are all cow-boys (cow puchers, they call themselves). They dress in big hats, chapps and spurs—just like "Bill" Hart in the movies. They are marvelous horse-back riders—nearly every five year old can ride.

The scenery is beautiful. With mountains on all sides and the sun lending a touch of color here, there and everywhere—it is wonderful!

We had a bad snow-storm in October, but since then the weather has been splendid.

Remember me to Alma.
Yours truly,
Esther De Puy.

LIBRARY NOTES

The library will be closed for the vacation period on Saturday noon, December 18th, to be reopened Tuesday morning, Jan 4th, at eight o'clock. All books should be returned not later than next Friday P. M. Students wishing to borrow books for the vacation use may do so on Friday of this week, these books to be returned by 8 a. m. January 4th.

A list of the books on the Colonial period in American literature may be obtained at the Library by any who may be interested.

The College Library will be represented at the midwinter meeting of the American Library Association in Chicago, on Monday, December 27th, at the Sa Salle Hotel by Miss Marion Leslie Reid, one of the College seniors, and a member of the Library Methods Class.

NEXT LECTURE

The next lecture of the library series will be given by Prof. Francis E. West, the evening of January 11, Tuesday at eight o'clock. His subject will be "The Snowflake" and the lecture will be illustrated with stereoptican views. This lecture is one which reveals the beauties of a little known part of Nature, and should prove especially interesting.

FROEBEL

A regular meeting of the Froebel society was held Monday, December 6, 1920. Roll call was responded to with a current event. Betty Anderson gave the impromptu "Work Centers in the Kindergarten," which was followed by a very delightful reading of the Christmas story, "The Other Wise Man," by Mildred Chevre. The society adjourned.

A Tuscalo girl is suing her employer for \$5,000 damages on account of a most peculiar accident which occurred in the home where she is employed as a domestic. She was taking her bath by the kitchen range and she stepped out of the washpan, slipped on a cake of soap on the floor, and sat down on the stove.—Exchange.

Peru is to have a National Polytechnic Institute. A special committee comprising leaders from all other national institutions have the plans in charge.

In memory of Ohio State men who lost their lives in the war, taps will be sounded every Wednesday at 10:58 a. m. during the school year.

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STUDENT COUNCIL
 The regular meeting of the Student Council was held December 6. President Crooks represented the faculty until the arrival of Professor Hamilton.

After roll call the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Report of the committee on investigation.

Discussion.
 A motion was made and seconded that the President appoint a committee of two to secure an expression of sentiment from the women of Wright Hall regarding the entering of women's rooms by men, no matter what the purpose, and that this be conveyed to the men of the college. Carried.

The President appointed Miss Friedrich and Mr. Wilson.
 Request by the Seniors to be allowed to hold a short dance Dec. 10, 1920. A motion was made and seconded that this request be granted. Carried.

A motion was made and seconded that a committee be appointed to see about the stacking of Mr. Freeman's room, to see the men who did it and tell them that they must produce the lost articles or pay for them. Carried.

The president appointed Mr. Amos, Mr. Follette and Mr. Sharrar.
 A motion was made and seconded that the president appoint a dancing committee. Carried.
 The president appointed Miss Cash, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Wyatt.
 Adjournment.

Gladys Edgar, Sec'y.

PHI PHI ALPHA
 The meeting of Phi Phi Alpha on December 6 was opened by President Ferrigo. He told the society what he expected of it in the future and reviewed some of the accomplishments in the past. Much good, he said, had been received from the programs which have been both interesting and instructive. The program committee has outlined the programs for the rest of the semester and some good programs as well as some good times are in store for the members.

Most of the meeting was given over to the orations which the Phi men have prepared. The material was well prepared and the delivery was executed in true Phi Phi Alpha form. The preliminaries are very encouraging and Phi Phi Alpha will make a good showing in this year's contest as it always has in the past.

After this part of the program had been delivered the society adjourned to the DeLuxe where the new officers treated the members to a repast of "Alma Specials."

PHILOMATHEAN
 The Philomathean Literary Society held its regular meeting Monday evening, December 6. Quotations from twentieth century poets were given in response to roll call. Margaret Poole gave an interesting report on "An Ambassador from the Dead." Several selections from modern poets (excluding "The Congo" by Vachel Lindsay and some short poems by Alice Corbin) were read by Louise Hainline. The impromptu, "Advanced Poetry Criticized by Mr. Hurst," given by Grace Reshgetoor, concluded the program.

CAMPUS NOTES
 Larry Dunning and Vic Crittenden were up from Howell for the week end. We're glad to say that part of the old Howell aggregation will be with us again next semester.

Simms wishes to announce that on Tuesday afternoon, December 14, at four o'clock, he will give away, absolutely free of charge, one bushel of selected Northern Spy apples. French and Descharplins take notice.

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College Proverbs
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