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Frank Vreeland Wins the Men's Oratorical Contest With Mobley Close Second

SIX WELL PREPARED ENTRANTS MAKE THE CONTEST VERY INTERESTING.

The Men's elimination contest for the right to represent Alma College in the Michigan Oratorical League Contest to be held here in Alma in the near future, was held in the College chapel, Thursday evening, January 19. The first place was hotly contested, Frank Vreeland winning out over Fred Mobley by a slight margin of points.

The winning oration, "The Equality of Love," delivered by Vreeland showed evidences of earnest preparation and thought. Equality, Vreeland brings out, however popular a word it may be is to many, one of magic and of a vague meaning. To be sure there is equality among the one class, the strong and the cunning, but what is to become of the weak and helpless, the more skeptical are certain to ask? Deplorable economic conditions in this country and the food famine in China are evidences of the fact that something is evidently lacking. This something is love, the full significance of which we have failed to realize, disregarding God's commandment to love one another. The French revolted against the tyranny of one class, but the first government of their own did not succeed because of the lack of love. Thus, we hope for the day of the reign of love.

Mobley's oration, which in the opinion of some of the judges deserved first place, was entitled, "Qualities of True Greatness." This pleasingly unique subject was a relief from the perils of warfare and famine for it allowed ones mind to wander from the terrible conditions of the present day and age and revert to the times when men, stimulated by the Father with the qualities of true greatness, made history that is everlasting. Learn the lesson from the pyramids, whose marks leave the most lasting imprint upon the sands of time. The first quality is zeal for things of the right. The second, painstaking perseverance, contributed greatly to the success of men. Were it not for this quality, Columbus would not have discovered the New World. The third, forgetfulness of self may be represented by Abraham Lincoln's life upon this earth. These three are the qualities of true greatness which are needed in the youth of today.

The other orations delivered were, "The Age of Responsibility" by Wyatt, Shroyer's "The Greatest Love," "America's Missions" by Wright, and "Lest We Perish" by Stempfly. Experience was a strong factor in the race for supremacy. Vreeland, last year's winner, presented a most self-secure appearance on the home platform from which he has often spoken. This confidence undoubtedly contributed greatly to his success. Wyatt, whose oratorical ability cannot be contested, was decidedly off form.

All the orations showed excellent composition but not all were too well commemorated. Some may say that oratory is fast dying out but it does not apply to Alma College.

College to Aid in Vocational Training

President H. M. Crooks of Alma College announced Monday that the institution had signed a contract with the Federal Board of Vocational Training. As a result it is expected that Alma College will aid in the training of former service men, who due to wounds or injuries are unfit for their former vocations, and are seeking training for new work. To what extent former service men will be schooled at Alma College, or in what numbers, has not been announced.

Al Dawydoff, after viewing the remains of his room after a recent stacking, said that the Bolsheviks have nothing on Pioneer Hall.

AGGIE FROSH GO DOWN TO DEFEAT

CRITTENDEN AND CARTY STAR AS ALMA RUNS AWAY WITH FRESHMEN.

The touted Aggie Frosh team, which defeated the Albion collegians handily, was swamped Friday night by the Maroon and Cream's new court team by a score of 25 to 7, the Yearlings being unable to penetrate the Alma defense and being forced to confine themselves to long shots.

Only three times during the entire fray could the Frosh locate the netted circle of the Alma clan, twice during the first half and once in the second session. The fact that the Frosh could not get close shots at the basket was not due so much to the five man defense, which seemed somewhat slow in forming, as it was to the clever guarding of Crittenden, who played a sterling game under the Aggie Frosh basket, and invariably took the first shock of the offensive work of the Yearlings.

During the entire game the Frosh guarded the Alma forwards closely, and with a clever shooting guard in Carty Alma reversed her procedure of last week, to some extent and the Detroit did considerable basket shooting with the result that he led the team in counters for the night with four field baskets to his credit, all of them counted up during the initial half. Kirker was the only other Alma man who counted more than one field basket in the first half.

The Maroon and Cream warriors had things pretty much their own way during the first half, the visitors possibly being puzzled somewhat by the strange Alma gymnasium. As a result Alma was leading at the end of the first half by a score of 19 to 5.

In the second half the game settled down into a strong defensive one on the part of both teams. A single field basket by Gasser was all that the Frosh could nail, Alma faring but little better than did the Yearlings, only two field baskets coming Alma's way. Kirker added to the score, however, with two fouls during the half.

Even granting that the Frosh may have been puzzled by the Alma floor during the first half, they must admit that in the face of the Alma guarding which kept their total of field baskets to three, they never had a chance to be returned winners.

The entire Alma squad played good gasket ball with Crittenden featuring on defense and Carty on offense. Haltman and Beckley starred for the losers.

Lineup and summary:
Alma pos. Aggies
Kirker R. F. Beeuwkes
Soderstrom L. F. Haltman
Shaver C. Robinson
Carty R. G. Beckley
Crittenden L. G. Brooks

Field baskets—Carty 4, Catherman 2, Soderstrom 2, Kirker 2, Shaver 1, Haltman 2, Gasser 3.

Fouls—Kirker 3 out of 4, Carty 0 out of 1, Beeuwkes 1 out of 4.

Score first half—Alma 19, Frosh 5. Substitutions—Alma: Catherman for Soderstrom, Soderstrom for Catherman, Wright for Kirker, Catherman for Carty, Kirker for Wright. Frosh: Gasser for Beeuwkes, Beeuwkes for Robinson, Mason for Haltman, Gilkey for Brooks, Robinson for Gasser.

Referee—Gaffney, Alma.

In a preliminary to the college contest the reserves were beaten by the American Legion aggregation by a score of 11 to 9. Two former college stars, Gaffney and Moore, were the mainstays of the Legion aggregation, and it was the guarding of the latter and the basket shooting of "Toots" that landed the game for the Legionaires.

At the end of the first half of the fray the Legion team was leading by a score of 3 to 2, the former soldiers getting their points on fouls and the collegians getting their's on a single field basket. Niles played a fine game for the reserves.

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Louise Osgood's Oration, "The World's Challenge to The College Student," Wins

M. I. A. A. RESULTS

The outstanding result of this week's games is the showing of Kalamazoo against M. A. C. by defeating this veteran five 39-28. This places the celery eaters in the favored class for the M. I. A. A. pennant, and Ypsi and Alma, both fast aggregations, have some real battles ahead if they expect to push Kazoo out of the race.

Scores of the games in which Michigan Intercollegiate teams played this past week follow:

Alma 25, Michigan Aggie Fresh 7.
Kalamazoo 30, Olivet 10.
Kalamazoo 34, Adrian 6.
Ypsilanti Normal 37, Mt. Pleasant Normal 45.
Albion —, Olivet —.
Kalamazoo 39, Michigan Aggies 28.

French Educator Talks in Chapel

Alma students were fortunate Thursday morning in having the opportunity of hearing Dr. Julien J. Champenois, a representative of the French Bureau of Education. Dr. Champenois has charge of the exchange of French and American students, and his work brings him in touch with the leading universities and colleges of the United States. The American side of this work is carried on by the American Association of Colleges of which Alma College has always been a member. In fact, Alma was taking an active part in this movement before the majority of colleges and many of the leading universities had taken it up.

The exchange system which was begun in 1908, said Dr. Champenois, has been a great success. The work represents the first effort ever made towards national co-operation. Last year about forty-two students were exchanged. France, he said, appreciates very highly the privilege of having American students in her universities, and the exchange of ideas has been very beneficial to both parties concerned. There are at present in France three hundred and ten Frenchmen who have studied in America under this system.

What the student will get in France, explained Dr. Champenois, depends upon the ultimate success or failure of the student himself. France cannot make the student. The student must avail himself to the utmost of the opportunities offered there. He strongly urged American students not to go over at too young an age. They must be old enough to appreciate the possibilities, and to have the desire to apply themselves diligently to their task. Finish your course of study in America first, was his advice, and do only research work in France.

The purpose of the exchange of students, he said in closing, is to give the college men who will be the leaders of tomorrow a broader appreciation and understanding of the world across the sea. From this nucleus, the gospel of international understanding will be spread so that the coming generations will be able to interpret more accurately the international problems and relationships.

CHRISTIAN CALLINGS CONFERENCE RESULT

Of Alma's representatives a canvass showed that six expect to preach, five to go as missionaries, one to enlist in the Y. M. C. A. work, one in social service, two undecided; the rest to go in law, medicine, business, teaching, or engineering. In all the conference six were enrolled who will enter the Presbyterian ministry, the total for all denominations being forty-one. Of the seventeen present who have chosen the foreign field, Alma sent five. The conference was an unqualified success, deepening conviction and fixing determination in many.

HELEN BRIEN TAKES SECOND PLACE IN THE WOMEN'S CONTEST.

Miss Louise Osgood won the Women's oratorical contest held last Tuesday evening in the college chapel. The winning oration was entitled "The World's Challenge to the College Student." As a result of her victory, Miss Osgood will represent Alma College in the State oratorical contest to be held here sometime in March. Miss Helen Brien took second place with a well delivered oration "Everybody's World."

There were five contestants and all acquitted themselves remarkably well. The orations were all of a high order, showing intense work and preparation. The contestants are to be congratulated on their excellent showing.

Miss Osgood had a very thoughtful oration well deserving of first place. She carefully outlined the part the college student should play in the world of today. A student should see the world as it is, see what his capacities are, and then develop them. The student should think through the great problems of the day, he should study the present governments of the world, he should become acquainted with the ideals and aspirations of the nations. In this present era of reconstruction, youth can also play a large part, for he can make the confusion bearable by his hope.

In "Everybody's World," Miss Brien reviewed the history of specific nations, showing that peace and security must be based on foundations of square dealing, brotherhood and faith. That we are now in a period of reconstruction, when there is a rebuilding of everybody's world, which should be based on terms of brotherhood and faith. Allusion was made to the Disarmament Conference at Washington, stating that we should lay a permanent foundation for everybody's world so that future historians will truly say, that we learned our lesson well.

"Safety First" was the subject of Miss Violet Bromley's oration, in which she drew one's attention to the safeguarding of justice. We must be more careful in our appointments of judicial men, choosing of juries, in our attitude towards criminals and the much wrangled-over subject of capital punishment.

Miss Rhea Joy Stinson showed us "The Responsibilities of American Citizenship." She pointed out clearly that every privilege we have from the government involves us in a reciprocal privilege. Ten political commandments were given, forming an excellent creed for all American citizens to follow.

"The Middle Way" was defined by Miss Ruth Stewart, as a pathway of life, a middle road of conciliation and the spirit of right, between the road of conservatism and the road of radicalism. The side roads led to anarchy, while the middle road led to industrial co-operation and peace.

Alma is very proud of her women orators, and knows that with such an earnest representative as Miss Osgood, that Alma has excellent chances of winning in the State contest.

The judges of the local contest were: Supt. J. W. Kelder, Rev. Willis L. Gelston, Prof. C. D. Brokershire, Prof. B. M. Beausang, and Dr. Geo. B. Randels.

ELECTED UNION HEAD

Pres. H. M. Crooks of Alma College has been elected as president of the Presbyterian College Union, the prexies of the Presbyterian colleges that are members of this organization honoring him with the presidency at a recent meeting.

The Presbyterian College Union is a national organization of the Presbyterian colleges of the country. Membership in the organization is optional, however. At the present time about forty colleges are members of the Union.

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LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS

Aside from a few chapel talks, Alma College has taken no official stand on the disarmament question. That the student body has done nothing is largely the fault of the editor of this paper because he has had the information in his hands for some time regarding the student movement in other colleges and has not published it. It is not too late for Alma to do something, as the following message from the National Student Committee For The Limitation of Armaments shows.

Although the Conference is drawing to a close, this suggestion is still workable. Now, more than ever, does the American delegation need the support and guidance of expressed opinions. The results of the Conference will soon go to the Senate there to be confirmed or nullified. Now is the time when young citizens can speak with effect.

We have been taking counsel during the past few weeks in preparation for an expression of opinion which might be timely and effective. We have consulted with persons active in the Conference and with skilled politicians who know the mind of the Senate. The following plan, now ready for your approval and execution, is the result of expert advice.

I. A. Let each college in the United States hold a student meeting on some date in January.

B. Let this meeting result in a resolution which shall express the sentiment of a majority of those present on any questions relative to the Conference which may seem to them important.

C. Let the organizers of the meeting send a copy of the resolution with a count of the votes, and a brief report of the meeting, to this office.

II. We, in the national office, will make an abstract from the total collection of resolutions, indicating what subjects have been considered and what has been the total vote on each. It is probable that there will be a considerable uniformity in the resolutions, indicating that the students—a cross section of the American public—have selected certain issues as important. This sort of expression, being composite of the deliberations of many separate meetings cannot be discounted as a manufactured opinion. It must be hearkened to whatever it may be.

III. The possible matters for consideration in resolution are too many for enumeration here. In general they may be classified as follows:

A. Issues which will go before the Senate.

B. Expressions of opinion relative to the work of the Conference, of the American delegations, relative to the behavior of the foreign delegation, etc.

C. Issues which have not come within the scope of the Conference, but which are associated with it.

D. Matters within the province of the Conference regarding which it has made no decisions or incomplete decisions.

E. Issues of the future.

IV. The meetings may be organized in a variety of ways.

A. The organizers of the meeting may frame a resolution which shall be made the subject of a formal debate between student debaters; after the formal presentation of arguments on both sides, discussion may be thrown open to the audience as in a forum, and the motions modifying the resolution, or remarks relative to it, allowed from the floor; when the meeting has dealt with the proposed amendments and listened to comments, the resolution may then be submitted to a single vote, or voted on by clauses.

B. Such a discussion of the resolution may be preceded by an address or by a symposium of addresses.

V. On February 1st, President Harding will receive the six regional

representatives at the White House, together with any of the state chairmen who can be present at their own expense. This delegation, representing the students of America, will submit to President Harding a complete file of the original resolutions and the abstract already referred to.

ALPHA THETA

The regular meeting of the Alpha Theta Literary society was called to order January 16 by the president, Mabel Field. The minutes were read and approved. There was a first critic's report, after which roll call was answered to by present. The sophomore girls were then appointed to judge the Alpha Theta orations, which were given in the following order: "The World's Challenge to the College Student," by Louise Osgood, and "Everybody's World," by Helen Brien. First place was given to Louise Osgood. It was moved and supported that the debating team be selected from a committee of six girls, including the girls who were taking Public Speaking and the girls who were interested in debating. Those who were interested were to hand their names to the following committee: Louise Osgood, Ellen Laman, Marguerite Field. It was moved and supported that six girls be chosen to present Alpha Theta in the oratorical contest next year. The following girls were appointed to choose the six: Norma Messecar, Fromilda Young, Esther Packard. Adjournment.

Y. W. C. A. MEETING

The meeting of the Y was led by Emma Ritter, who chose for her subject, "The Light of the Triangle." Miss Ritter explained the meaning of the triangle, the sign of the Y. One corner, the bottom one, meant "ourselves"—our hopes, our faith, our ideals. The second corner was "others" our friends, our desires for them, our sympathy and love. The third and most important of all was God, our conception of Him, the culmination of everything best in us.

The leader gave a very beautiful illustration of idealism; that of a person on the summit of a very high mountain, surrounded by billowing white clouds. He looks about him and sees a still higher mountain whose peak pierces the clouds. He knows that he can never reach that peak, but it is there. So it is with our ideals. We can never hope to attain them but we know they are there.

THE CLASSICAL CLUB

College people spend much of their time among books. For that reason the meeting of the Classical Club, January 21, would have probably been of interest to them. Miss Boyce gave a report on writing material among the ancients. Miss Anguish followed with a paper on the editing of books among the Romans. Miss Dunton completed the succession by a paper which described the libraries in Rome and in the Provinces. Miss Stewart delivered a very complete book-report on "A Friend of Caesar," by Professor Davis of the University of Minnesota. Doctor Ewing read several of Martial's epigrams on books. Just before adjournment, a quartet consisting of Doctor Ewing, M. Dunton, D. B. Burke, and Wilmer Patton rendered a Greek song. The last two gentlemen named pleased the audience very much with their fine voices.

PHILOMATHEAN

The president Louise Hainline called the regular meeting of Philomathean literary society to order Monday evening, January 16. Roll call was answered to by a fact about India or a quotation from an Indian poem. There was a discussion on the furniture which the society expects to purchase.

Rhea Joy Stinson opened the literary program with her oration "Responsibilities of American Citizenship." Ruth King read a very interesting paper on "Sir Robinranath Tagore." Margaret Poole read "Gitanjali" and "Fruit Gathering" by the great Hindu poet, Tagore.

Adjournment.

PHI PHI ALPHA

Phi Phi Alpha was called to order by President Vreeland, Monday evening, January 16. Sullivan opened the meeting with a short prayer. The old and new business of the evening consisted of nothing special, except that the final committees which will work in the interest of the Annual Lincoln Banquet were appointed. After the business had been disposed of, Dasef took the chair and the literary program commenced. It consisted of three orations by John Wright, John Shroyer, and Frank Vreeland. Hearing them through, R. H. Wilson, critic, and Lyle Barnhart gave what criticism they had to offer.

Adjournment was made to the European, where the new officers of the society treated the society members to pie a la mode.

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GYMNASIUM IS TO BE DONE IN SEPTEMBER 1922

TRUSTEES INSTRUCT BUILDING COMMITTEE TO HAVE IT READY BY THEN.

Omit Natatorium For the Present

At the midyear meeting of the Board of Trustees of Alma College held in Detroit Tuesday the board instructed the building committee to start work on the memorial gymnasium auditorium and to have it ready in September 1922, and in addition to this transacted considerable other business of importance to the future of the college.

Due to the fact that only \$88,000 of the \$110,000 sought in the county endowment campaign was secured, the natatorium of the gymnasium will not be built this summer. It will be constructed at a latter date as money for its construction is available. The building will be 110 feet by 130 feet and about 45 feet in height. The main playing floor of the gymnasium will be 60 by 90 feet. Some feet from the playing floor, on three sides, will be seats which will provide a seating capacity at games of 350. At one end of the auditorium will be located an open stage 16 x 30 feet. When in use as an auditorium the gymnasium will have a seating capacity of about 800 people. It will be erected on the ground to the east of the present athletic field and will face on Cedar avenue.

The decision as to the location of the building means that ultimately the athletic field will be turned, so that instead of the gymnasium being at one end of the field, it will be on the side.

An announcement was made at the meeting that the General Education Board (Rockefeller foundation) has granted the college an extension to June 30, 1922, in which to meet the conditions of the boards pledge of \$75,000 to the college. The original pledge was conditional on being fulfilled by January 1, 1922. It is expected that by that date all conditions of this pledge will have been met.

A committee consisting of Dr. A. G. Studer, Professor Elmer A. Lyman and President Crooks was appointed to work out a plan for the leave of absence that has been granted college professors. It is expected that the new plan will be put in operation next year.

A plan of development of the college over the coming ten year period was laid before the board by a special committee consisting of Dr. Barkley, Dr. Minot Morgan, Rev. Brooke, President Crooks, Professor Randel and Professor Hamilton, which was adopted. It plans for the order of the erection of new buildings and securing of new equipment.

The building committee was also empowered to complete the work of remodeling the old gymnasium into a modern chemistry building. The first floor of this structure was remodeled this past summer and the work now contemplated is the remodeling of the second floor. It is believed that when this work has been completed Alma will have one of the most modern chemistry departments among the smaller colleges of the state.

A report of the students' participation in the student government on the campus was called for by the trustees and is to be given at the June meeting of the board.

Officers of the board were re-elected. They follow: Chairman, Dr. J. A. Barkley of Detroit; vice chairman, Francis King; treasurer, Clarence B. Chatfield; secretary and assistant treasurer, A. P. Cook.

Campbell's Five Faces Hard Week

The Alma College basket ball team is facing the hardest week during the coming few days that it will face during the entire season with two of the biggest frays of the schedule carded, these being with Michigan State Normal's crack team Friday night and the University of Detroit Saturday night. Both games will be played on foreign courts.

The Michigan State Normals have lost just one game this season and in this fray made the Michigan Aggies go into two overtime periods to win. The game was played on the Aggie floor where Alma also battled

the Aggies. Comparative scores place the Teachers as far stronger than the Maroon and Cream team and it is certain that the Ypsi five will go into the fray a big favorite for the long end of the score. The Green and White has a strong defense and its scoring end of the five is anything but weak. The Maroon and Cream will face the hardest game that it has played yet this season. Unless Alma can win from the Normalites she will have a mighty hard time to fight back and get in the running for the Michigan Intercollegiate title gain. This could only happen by Kalamazoo trouncing the Teachers and Alma then licking Young's aggregation twice.

The University of Detroit also has a fast aggregation of basket tossers, but it does not show the strength that Ypsi does and Alma apparently has a better chance to dump the Detroiters than she has of winning from Ypsi.

The Maroon and Cream aggregation is working with a vim this week for these two frays, realizing the importance of the contests and it is certain to be a battling aggregation that takes the floor Friday and Saturday to uphold the honor of the Presbyterian camp.

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Let us hear from you occasionally. The Almanian desires to publish a good alumni column, but cannot get the material unless it is contributed.

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(The editor of the campus column
apologies for including this "old
stuff" in the Campus Breezes. How-
ever, as the parties concerned in this
episode, no longer reside at Pioneer
Hall, the editor feels perfectly safe in
publishing this tale.)

The incidents that form the nucleus
of my story occurred last April, on
one of those dark, spring evenings, at
the season of the year when Nature's
life is just rousing itself to peep
cautiously from under the coverings
of bark and dried grass. I was re-
turning from a leisurely evening
stroll in the balmy air, and as I
neared Pioneer Hall a strange warn-
ing, a sense of impending danger,
crept over me. Pausing near the sun-
dial as it were to scent the air, I tried
to pierce the darkness that separated
me and my destination. My few mo-
ments of hesitation did not increase
my courage, nor did they rid me of
the creepy sensation that was fast
causing me to become conscious of a
queer icicle like feeling running up
and down my back.

I didn't know exactly what to do.
I thought of the evening's enjoyment
in the open air, of the seven-fifty
Bible class next morning, and then
of the present situation. Many would
call me a coward and I readily agree
with them, and add that perhaps they
have never lived in Pioneer.

I had been standing there some
moments when I heard footsteps from
behind and stepped behind a tree to
watch. As the gentleman approached
I could see his stout, stocky frame-
work and could hear the heavy
breathing caused by the strenuous
walk up the hill. As he came nearer
the figure reminded me of William
Jennings Bryan, but when the gentle-
man removed his hat to wipe the
perspiration from his brow, I saw
Bill's close cropped pompadour. It
was my old friend, Bill Hicks.

I didn't even speak to Bill. I knew
he was in a hurry and so I just
watched and waited, but not long.

As a sheep before the shearer is
dumb, so was Bill led, by an unseen
hand, to the slaughter. He did not
hear the stealthy step on the iron
porch roof, nor did he hear the half
smothered snicker from the third-
floor window. Just as Bill crossed
the dead-line and was about to put
his foot on the lower step, three
moisture-laden missiles, thrown with
deadly aim, struck Bill amid-ships.

I waited no longer. Lightning, at
Pioneer Hall, never strikes twice in
the same place. On entering the hall
a quiet looking boy called "Slingshot"
was asking everyone in sight the
same question: "Who in thunder
threw that water-sack?"

"Sid"—"What's the matter Gerald,
don't you feel well?"

Bates—"I think I have a cold or
something in my head."

"Sid"—"It's probably a cold."

Boyce—"McGlone, I bet you fifty
cents you can't get a date with her."
"Mac" (feeling for his date book)—
"Ah, let me see. What haven't I got
a date for?"

QUITE HELPLESS

Pratt—"Howard, you'll never make
a poker player in a hundred years."
Answorth—"I'm just as good a
player as Vreeland is."

Vreeland—"You are not. You
don't even raise a hand to help your-
self."

WHY IT IS

The world is wise
But no one knows
What makes the Swipes
Love "Wally" so.

It isn't his bow tie
Nor his diamond ring
Nor because he told Vreeland
He'd better not sing.

It isn't his smiles,
His speed or his dash,
Nor the lively way
He handles the "hash."

No! It isn't his getting
To breakfast so early;
It isn't because
His hair don't grow curly.

Nor it isn't his singing,
That's what Boswell Boyce pities;
But it's the way he recites
Those East Jordan ditties.

Just when we are beginning to
think we can make both ends meet,
some fellow comes along and moves
the ends.

"Dot"—"Beatrice, is Sid Foster a
friend of yours?"
"B"—"Yes—what has he been say-
ing about me now!"

Engaged
Vonderheide (after having slept
peacefully in Physics, awoke with a
start)—"Did he say 'excused'?"

Very Thoughtful
Uncle Charlie (in Bible 21)—"The
People seemed to have thought the
thought—"

Yes, history repeats itself. Today,
it is the wise virgin who trims her
lamps.

Suspense
The five-minute bell at Wright Hall.
No score for the visiting team and
five minutes left to play.

His Idea of Our Intellect
Prof. Hamilton had lengthily ex-
plained to the Eng. Lit. class how one
of his learned professors did his scan-
ning.
"You don't have to read Mother
Goose thoroughly to get the gist of
it, do you?"

Intermissions
Prof.—"What do you work at?"
Kirker—"At intervals."

LETTERS OF A FRESHMAN
Dere Bill:

I have had several divers experi-
ence, since writing to you last, and
must pen them now, before they leave
my brainy abode.

Sunday last, I deposits myself over
at Rite Hall for lunch. You see, us
fellows are allowed to make dates
with the janes, and to break bread
with them. Well, it seems as if yrs.
truly was kinda out of luck thet nite,
as I fails to make a match. They hev
the buzzer system here, and thet is
you press a button, and then the
lucky one upstairs, knows there's a
date on hand, and she scrambles down
to clinch the argument.

But, you know, Bill, I musta buzzed
all the janes in the Hall, and all I
gets is a miniature Niagara Falls,
which I thought flowed only in Pio-
neer, but we all learns somethin' new
every day, ain't it so, Bill? I hears
after, thet the water was not meant
for me, but I hev my doubts.

But, nevertheless, Bill, I goes fish-
ing again, and manages to land a jane
for the dance. It was a formal af-
fair, in which yrs. truly always
shines. All they plays is fox-trots,
cause nobody can dance anything else
here, so I wuz unable to show them
the latest tricks. After the first
dance, my partner becomes desirous,
that I exchange the rest of the pro-
gram, so I complies with her wish.
But, from then on, the dance turns
into a hide-and-go-seek game, in
which yrs. truly never could sight
his partners. Then, the jane I came
with, suddenly takes sick, and I hev
to cart her home.

I hev been trying to get a date
for the next dance, but hev been un-
successful so far. But, never give up
the ship, sez I, so maybe, fortune
will yet smile on

Yrs. truly,
Jim.

BETA TAU EPSILON

The meeting of Beta Tau Epsilon,
January 16 was chiefly for business
purposes. It was definitely decided
to give a play toward the end of Feb-
ruary or the beginning of March. A
committee was appointed to select a
suitable play and to decide on the
cast. By mistake it was announced
last week that the first literary pro-
gram would be delivered January 16.
It will not be given until January 23.
The old Zeta Sigma room has been
furnished with chairs and tables and
from this time on will be the rallying
place of Beta Tau Epsilon.

KAPPA IOTA

Regular meeting of the Kappa Iota
was called to order Monday evening,
January 16, by President, Dorothy
Flanegin. Roll call was answered by
repeating of the pledge. After a long
business session regarding the future
success of Kappa Iota, the benediction
was repeated. Adjournment.

FIRE BUG

It is the candid opinion of several
college groups that the fire bug who
burned the Albion gym should keep
up the good work. There are some
more gyms in the M. I. A. A. which
could go up in smoke without entail-
ing any great wailing or gnashing
of teeth.

Listen Folks, we have a bright
idea. A saying to the fellows, a lift
for us. Those who have Friday night
dates are not to go into DeLuxe and
spend almost the last cent they have,
come to Wright Hall and have a nice
hot lunch for half the price. It will
taste better, too. Kappa Iota's best
cooks are serving. Don't forget, ev-
ery Friday night from nine-thirty to
ten.

Now is the time to start that ora-
tion for next year. The sooner we
get rid of the idea that we can win a
state contest with an oration which
represents about four day's work, the
better it will be for us.

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NATIONAL STUDENT MOVEMENT OPENS IN NEW YORK
A nation-wide movement for the wider participation of the colleges in public affairs is to be opened with mass meetings under the auspices of the National Student Council for the Limitation of Armaments in Boston January 18 and in New York January 19.

Two thousand delegates from the colleges and universities of Greater New York will assemble in the Great Hall of the College of the City of New York to pass resolutions concerning the entrance of the United States into the coming Genoa conference. Other meetings will follow throughout the country, when the opinions of every college on international questions will be secured, and, finally, the tabulated results will be presented to President Harding by a delegation of students representing the various sections of the country.

The New York meeting will be opened by representatives of foreign governments with statements of their country's part in the coming Genoa conference. Speakers include M. Casenave of the French Delegation, Signor Giuseppe Gentile of the Italian delegation, Dr. John Mez, Washington Correspondent of the Frankfurter Zeitung, and the American economist Dr. John Foster Dulles one of the former American members of the Reparations Commission and the Supreme Economic Council.

Dr. Charles W. Eliot is honorary chairman, President James A. Blaisdell of Pomona College, vice-chairman and Brigadier-General Nathan William McChesney, treasurer, of the National Student Council for the Limitation of Armaments. The executive chairman is Rothschild, Harvard '21, and the student chairman Charles Jenby, Jr., of Princeton, nephew of the Secretary of the Navy.

The resolution to be discussed in New York is "that a conference of the Powers, as decided at Cannes, to include Germany and Russia, and which shall deal with the economic consequences of the Peace, is the logical sequel to the Washington Arms Conference, and that such a conference is fundamental to the civilization of Europe and to the prosperity of the United States."

The meetings for the discussion of our entry into the economic conference at Genoa are but a part of a definite program of collegiate discussion of international economic problems. Plans have been made to hold frequent meetings in convenient centers throughout the country and in individual colleges in order to discover and record the sentiment of the colleges on the questions of the day.

The first conference for the discussion of disarmament and the economic problems growing out of it was held at Princeton University. A second conference at Chicago where 178 delegates from the denominational colleges discussed similar problems, resulted in the permanent organization of the National Student Committee for Limitation of Armaments.

The entire movement is a hopeful sign of awakening student interest in public affairs. There is every reason to believe that the students of America are learning to apply the economic principles of the class-room, to problems of active politics, and to voice their opinion freely in international matters.

And there is reason to believe that expressions of their opinion will be welcomed. The Press has shown interest in the movement and many prominent people have endorsed it. The Secretary to the Advisory Committee of the American Delegation to the Disarmament Conference, Mrs. Eleanor Franklin Egna, has said, "Your work is of paramount importance to us, who are now engaged in perfecting the instruments of peace. We shall soon be gone and the future of our labors is now in the hands of your generation."

Col. William Boyce Thompson, of the American Delegation to the Conference on Limitation of Armament has asked that editorials in college papers in connection with the student conferences and disarmament be clipped and sent to him for the permanent records of the Delegation.

ZETA SIGMA
The meeting of January 16 was called to order by Vice-president Bates. The literary program was reverted to at once in order that the aspiring orators might deliver their messages.

Mr. Stempfly gave an oration on the subject "Lest We Perish."
Mr. Mobly delivered in an able manner, an oration entitled "Qualities of True Greatness."

A well written paper on "The Present Political Outlook in Russia," was then read by Mr. Stephens.

Following a short business session, Zeta Sigma was adjourned for one week.

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