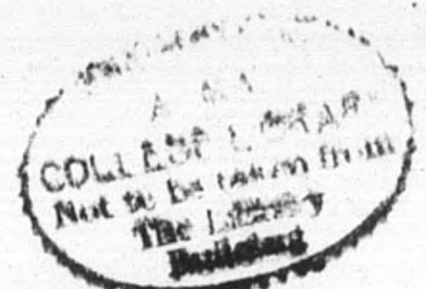


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LINCOLN BANQUET SATURDAY NIGHT

PHI PHI ALPHA'S ANNUAL BANQUET MOST ELABORATE EVER HELD.

AFTERNOON DANCE

BEST DECORATIONS EVER SEEN IN GYM.

The Chamber of Commerce hall was the scene of the annual Lincoln Banquet, of Phi Phi Alpha Literary Society, on Saturday night, Feb. 11th.

As usual, it was a gala event, and in the opinion of everyone in attendance, must have outshone all previous Phi Banquets. Weeks had been spent in preparation for the banquet, but the final results more than compensated for the many hours of painstaking labor that the Phi men put in.

Taxis began leaving Wright Hall at 7:15 with exquisitely gowned young ladies, and their male escorts.

By eight o'clock everyone was in the reception rooms of the Board of Commerce, ready to form the line of march. As their names were called out, couples took their places, and when the line was formed, the music commenced and the march into the banquet hall began.

Everyone looked with admiration at the pretty picture which the room presented. The long tables were enclosed by a veritable canopy of green streamers, giving the effect of a huge tent. Suspended from the top of the tent were huge Phi emblems, whose red and black colors, formed an effective contrast against the green canopy. At intervals along the length of the tables were cleverly contrived fireplaces reminiscent of the time of Lincoln, glowing with a cheerful light. With such a setting, the banquet could not help being a success.

The menu left nothing to be desired, and when the last course had been cleaned away, President Wenger arose, and in a few well chosen words, welcomed the guests of the evening, and introduced the toastmaster. Mr. Thomas Dasef was designated on the program as Chief Rail Splitter, and under his able guidance the program proper was launched. Very enjoyable talks were given by Roger Zinn, on the subject of "Hickory Timber," Russell Wilson on "Splits," Hulda Ward on "With the Grain," John Wright on "Wedges and Mauls," John Shroyer on "Quarters and Halves," Dale VanDuzen on "Rails," and lastly, Dr. H. M. MacCurdy, talking about "The Great Rail Splitter," gave interesting accounts of Lincoln, and congratulated Phi Phi Alpha, on having such a man as "Honest Abe" for their ideal.

Midway on the program, Miss Mildred Gerow rendered an exquisite piano solo, with a sympathetic touch and feeling, such as only she can give. The banquet ended with the singing of the college song.

In the afternoon, a dance, in conjunction with the banquet, was given in the gym, which, never before in all (Continued on page two)

Fine Arts Quartet Gives Good Program

The fifth number of the Lyceum course was given at the high school auditorium, Tuesday evening before a good audience. This number consisted of a musical program, vocal and instrumental, given by the Fine Arts Quartet. The program was varied and much enjoyed. Solos by the different members, quartets, duets, and piano selections, both humorous and serious, sacred and secular, furnished a treat for all music lovers. Perhaps the best features of the evening were the piano solos played by Miss Smith, and the quartet from the Rose Maiden as well as the gypsy program which was given in costume and closed the entertainment.

Basket Ball

TWO BIG GAMES THIS WEEK

MAROON and CREAM

VS.
OLIVET
FRIDAY

VS.
YPSILANTI
SATURDAY

LET'S GO, ALMA

Olivet and Ypsi Play This Week

Alma College tops the list of M. I. A. A. teams playing strictly association contests this week, the Maroon and Cream clan having two hard contests booked for Friday and Saturday on the local court with Olivet and Michigan State Normal. The latter team is so far undefeated in the M. I. A. A. race, and in a game at Ypsilanti was a victor over Alma by a nine point margin.

The Olivet team which will play here Friday night is coming rapidly of late weeks and is expected to give the Presbyterians a good game. Coach Watson's team of basket tossers last week was beaten by Kalamazoo 23 to 9, the score at the end of the first half being 19 to 4, showing that in the second half the Crimson outplayed the great Kalamazoo aggregation. Based on this game it is almost a certainty that Alma will have her hands full in defeating the Olivet five.

The game with Michigan State Normal Saturday night promises to be the most interesting of the two frays, naturally. The fact that the Teachers have one M. I. A. A. victory over Alma and are so far undefeated in the M. I. A. A. race promises to lend additional interest to this contest. Alma will make every endeavor to stop the rush of the Teachers and leave them on the small end of the score.

It is certain that Ypsilanti will extend herself to win in the Saturday night fray as a defeat is practically certain to eliminate Ypsi from any title chances in the association. Ypsilanti still has Kalamazoo to play, but as the one fray carded is to be played at Kalamazoo, it will probably be a Kazoo victory, so Ypsi's chances will depend a lot on the Saturday fray. Alma's place in the race will also depend somewhat on the result Saturday night, as present indications are that Ypsi and Alma are the teams that will battle for second place in the association standings.

The Maroon and Cream team is continuing to show improvement this week and there is every confidence in the Presbyterian camp that the Presbyterians will make away with both of these M. I. A. A. frays.

Mrs. Frances Freeman Da Foe of Bay City, Miss Clover Miller of Ann Arbor, and Miss Bernice Williams of Brown City, Michigan, were guests at Wright Hall over Sunday.

Alexandra McKenzie entertained Irene Queen of Mt. Pleasant over Sunday.

COLLEGE CHORUS OFFERS CANTATA

PRESENTS "THE ROSE MAIDEN"
IN A VERY CREDITABLE
PERFORMANCE.

SUPERB SOLO WORK

FROMILDA YOUNG TAKES LEADING ROLE.

A large crowd filled the chapel last Wednesday night, and heard the college chorus present "The Rose Maiden."

Any premonitions that this cantata would not be as good as usual were upset by the superior work of the entire chorus. Without a doubt this production was the best that Alma College students have ever put on, and, judging from the freely expressed opinion from the appreciative audience, a better musical entertainment never has appeared in Alma on any platform. Spite of the fact that all of the members were not trained vocalists, and that a few had never appeared on the stage before, the harmony was not marred by a single false note from any of the fifty people engaged. There was no dragging over rests, and no hesitation on the beginnings of strains. The chorus, both as a unit and as individual sections, responded to the baton with a vigor of attack and an accuracy of expression that spoke volumes for the careful training by Professor Beausang.

The soprano solos were given by Miss Fromilda Young, whose wonderful voice is well known to Alma people. Miss Young has had a splendid training, and her work is tempered with a richness and a range that is rarely found in collegiate circles. Donald Smith, a local tenor, assisted the chorus, and added greatly to the success of the program. The baritone solos were given by Professor Beausang, and it was his untiring work, both in the solos and in directing, that made the cantata possible. Professor Beausang is one of the few professors of music who possess the fortunate combination of an excellent voice and unusual ability in directing. (Continued on page two)

Miss Pierce Gives Good Talk at Y. W.

The meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was opened by Louise Osgood, who read from the thirtieth chapter of Corinthians. Mrs. Notestein led in prayer. The chief speaker of the evening was Miss Pierce, the Y. W. C. A. field secretary. Miss Pierce explained that it was not her intention to give a coherent talk on a definite subject, but, rather to tell a few important experiences she has had during the past year. She called this touching the "high spots." The talk was prefaced by the reading of the sixth verse from first Timothy. The speaker told of a remarkable poem "Renaissance," in which a boy had the experience of being hemmed in and smothered by the sky and clouds. He sinks into the earth and not until then does the realization come to him of his ingratitude and lack of appreciation of nature. He prays to be freed and his prayer is granted. He awakes to the world in its May-time garb, with its blossoming trees, green grass and gentle showers. The closing sentiment of the poem is:

"The world spreads out on either side
No wider than the heart is wide."

Another unique and original illustration was one used by the Rev. Fosdick. He said that when the lawn had to be cut, it was father who pushed the lawnmower as it was too heavy for the children. This lawnmower only cut the tops of the weeds and left the roots still in the ground. The task of taking out these roots could be done by the children, who were able to do this task. "We, the college students," said the speaker, "are the ones to do this uprooting of the evil tendencies. The so-called 'big men' are able to 'check' these growths to a certain extent, but it remains for us to remove the roots."

The Y. W. C. A. is indeed fortunate in having Miss Pierce to present truths in such a direct and acceptable manner, and to offer encouragement by the statement that our local Y. W. C. A. is a part of the world-wide organization that is doing so vital a work in foreign and home missions.

Among the Wright Hall guests over the week end, and former students of Alma College, were the Misses Rowena Rose of St. Joseph, Margaret Ardis of Evart, Harriet Davis of Flint, and Helen Huff of Saginaw, Michigan.

Dorothy McClintock was called home Friday on account of the illness of her mother.

KALAMAZOO WINS A SCRAPPY GAME

MAROON AND CREAM TOSSERS
PLAY GREAT BALL; SCORE
28-22.

FIRST HALF A TIE

POOR REFEREEING SPOILS ALMA'S CHANCES.

Although beaten by Kalamazoo College here Friday night, 28 to 22, the Alma collegians covered themselves with considerable credit, holding this crack aggregation to a closer score than did either Notre Dame University or the Michigan Aggies. Only once previously had any team been able to do better against Kazoo than did the Maroon and Cream clan.

There is practically no question right now but what Kalamazoo has the 1922 basketball championship of the Michigan Intercollegiate sewed up tight, and that Michigan State Normal and Alma will now battle it out for second and third places.

Except for poor officiating, which hurt the contest, the game was one of the most brilliant exhibitions of basket ball that has been seen here in some years, the entire Alma outfit playing a great game against the Kalamazoo outfit, which has been called one of the strongest quintets in the middle west.

Kalamazoo took a single point lead at the very start of the contest on a foul, but Alma grabbed the lead in turn by a single point when Soderstrom dropped in a field basket. From that time on the two teams alternated in the lead during the half, which ended with each team having nine points.

Between halves one of the Kalamazoo men called Burhans, the referee, into the Kalamazoo dressing room to see Coach Young. Burhans spent about five minutes with the Kalamazoo coach, and the big change in the officiating in the second half may be ascribed to this visit. In the final half it was almost impossible for Burhans to see anything but fouls on the Alma team, nine being called in the final half against four in the first half. Some of these were highly questionable. There seemed, in this half to the spectators, more reason to foul the Kalamazoo players than Alma, but the fouls were not forthcoming.

Very soon after the half opened Shaver was ruled from the floor on personal fouls, and Kalamazoo quickly ran her lead up to 10 points, the score with the final session half over standing 25 to 15. Alma started a great rally at this stage of the fray, and seven points quickly went on the scoreboard for the locals, making the count 25 to 22. McKay, who had just been pulled, was shot back into the fray by Coach Young and the Alma rally was stopped just short of the mark. In the short time left before the game ended Kalamazoo nailed three more points, making the final count 28 to 22.

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Prexy Speaks at Commerce Luncheon

H. M. Crooks, president of Alma College, was the speaker at the weekly luncheon of the Alma Chamber of Commerce held Wednesday noon and gave one of the best addresses that has been given at any of the noonday luncheons since they were started. Dr. E. G. Sluyter, acted as chairman of the meeting.

In his address Dr. Crooks pointed out that neither labor or capital could get along without the other and that the better the co-operation between the two the better would be the results for both. Some humorous touches to his address made it the more interesting.

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GREETINGS

The Almanian speaks for the student body when it extends to you new students a most cordial welcome to Alma College. You will find that every Alma student of whatever society or creed is your friend, and is ready and willing at all times to give you any assistance or advice that you may need. May you quickly learn the traditions of Alma, and come to love them as do all Alma students.

AWARDS

The matter of giving out letters to those who have represented Alma College in intercollegiate contests has never been given the attention that it deserves. As a rule, the choosing of the letter has been left up to the coach or business manager of the team or organization, and the result has been a lamentable lack of uniformity in the letters given out. For instance, there is one man in college who has received three baseball letters, and each one is different. There is a similar lack of uniformity in the football letters, while track and tennis "A's" have always been a subject of dispute. The letters in oratory and debate have ranged from tiny "A's" like one of Professor Hamilton's absent marks to huge flaring Old English effects which cover the front of a large sweater. The matter of pearl "A's" is still more serious, as there are people on the campus who take advantage of the fact that the "A's" are not standardized, and purchase them from the jeweler and wear them without ever having earned the right to do so.

The logical body to correct this condition is the Student Council. It should have a permanent committee on awards through which all letters should be ordered. This committee's first duty would be to call into conference the various athletic captains and the coach, together with the debate captains and the coach, and should draw up specifications for each award. The felt letters should be planned in minute detail as to style, size, color and weight. The pearl "A's" should likewise be planned carefully. The specifications should be placed in the hands of a reliable manufacturer who would record the design and would give it an order number with the understanding that none should be sold to parties other than the award committee of the Student Council. The coaches of the various teams would still be judges as to the recipients of the awards, but the letters themselves would have to be ordered by the award committee of the Student Council. This plan would at once standardize the awards, and would prevent absolutely the wearing of counterfeit letters.

DIVINE LIGHT

O lovely stars, you make the heavens bright,
So radiant and gleaming to behold.
O, can you be the eyes of God this night
In wisdom watching o'er this earthly fold;
Inspiring saddened minds with thoughts divine,
And lifting heavy hearts from dire distress
To heights immeasurable and in time,
With lasting love and truth and nobleness?
O, bright stars that form the milky way,
Reflect the glory of Jehovah God
O'er land and sea, o'er mountain stream and bay,
On princely palace or on common sod.
O light and lead us on forever more
And give to us at last the heavenly shore.

—V. Bramley.

Avis Lane was at her home in Midland over the week end.

Helen Courtade visited friends in Merrill over Sunday.

Enrollment Now At High Peak

In spite of the usual losses of students during the college year, which seemingly is more prevalent with many institutions this year than in former ones, the attendance at Alma College is now the largest that it has been in the history of the institution.

The losses that the college has had during the year so far have been more than made up by new enrollments at the beginning of the second semester this week, over 230 students now being registered, against a former high mark of 227.

Many of the small colleges in various parts of the country have sustained unusually heavy losses this year. One of Michigan's smaller institutions, in particular, has reported a loss of fifty students over the enrollment at the start of the college year.

Thus it is indicated that the enrollment at Alma College and its growth is a steady, healthy and increasing one.

It has also been announced this week that in view of the contemplated construction of the new gymnasium building at the College that a change has been made in the building committee, which consisted of Francis King, W. O. Hughart, Jr., and Mrs. Lancashire. Mr. Hughart has been made chairman of the committee, on which Mrs. Lancashire and Mr. King are retained, and it has been increased in size by the addition of W. W. Tanner of Saginaw and Mrs. John F. Dodge of Detroit.

Glee Club Meets And Begins Work

Thursday morning, Feb. 9, Professor Beausang called for candidates for the 1922 Glee Club and that evening fifteen men responded to the call, meeting in the chapel for the first rehearsal. Following a few preliminary words from the director relative to the Glee Club work, President Wyatt spoke concerning the plans for this year's trip. Several towns have made offers to the Club, but, as yet, no definite route has been fixed. The Club will most likely make another trip to the upper peninsula, perhaps going further west than last year.

Professor Beausang says that he was very well pleased with the prospects of a successful Club. The number is strictly limited to sixteen men, making a well balanced organization. Of the fifteen men who turned out for the first practice, eight were members of last year's Club and form a good nucleus with which to begin work. A few numbers were tried Thursday night and were given exceptionally well for the first practice.

The officers for this year are Wyatt, president; Hudson, manager; Vaughn, librarian; Catherman, property manager. With these men as officers it becomes certain that this year's trip will be a complete success.

COLLEGE CHORUS OFFERS CANTATA

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the piano. This group of artists added a professional touch to the cantata that made it immensely worth while. The theme of the cantata was centered about the Queen of Flower Fairies who, because she desired the gift of love, had been changed into the form of a beautiful girl. Under the name of Roseblossom she wandered through the world to find the love that she wished. Although she met a girl who had been betrayed by her lover, she was not dismayed, and she continued her search until she became the wife of a forester. So great was her happiness that she was unable to survive his death, and the elves bewailed the fate of their queen, and cursed love as fatal to peace and happiness.

The opening number of the chorus, "Green vale and vine-clad mountain," was followed by a soprano and baritone duet, after which came Miss Young's beautiful rendition of "Bloom on, my roses." Space does not permit an enumeration of the entire repertoire. The soprano and tenor duet, "I know a rosebud shining," by Miss Young and Mr. Smith, preceded the best number of the chorus, "Tis thy wedding morning," which was far better than the rendition of the same piece on the lyceum platform the night before. Professor Beausang's masterful solo, "Where gloomy pin-trees rustle," was greatly enjoyed. The program was brought to a close by the finale, "Yea, e'en as die the roses."

That the production was greatly appreciated was evidenced by the many requests for a repetition of the cantata. When it is considered that a full semester's work was necessary before the program could be put on,

it seems a shame to let it drop with only one performance. Too much credit cannot be given to all those who took part, not only for their excellent presentation of their respective parts, but also, and more especially, for their loyalty in turning out for the rehearsals week after week, oftentimes sacrificing studies and pleasure that the cantata might be a credit to Alma College.

KALAMAZOO WINS A SNAPPY GAME

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A great deal of credit must be given to "Red" Carty and Crittenden for their work in the game, but the entire team is deserving of only the greatest credit. Every man played a stellar game against the crack Kalamazoo aggregation of stars. For Kalamazoo McKay and Vroeg were the shining lights.

Lineup and summary:
Alma Kalamazoo
Kirker f Hinga
Soderstrom l f Kern
Shaver c Spurgeon
Carty r g Doyle
Crittenden l g Vroeg
Field baskets—McKay 3, Kern 3, Hinga 2, Spurgeon 2, Carty 4, Kirker, Crittenden, Wright, Soderstrom, Catherman.

Fouls—Vroeg 7 in 11, McKay 1 in 2, Kirker 3 in 5, Carty 1 in 3. Substitutions, Catherman for Kirker-Shaver, Beam for Soderstrom, Lambke er, Kirker fro Catherman, Wright for for Doyle, McKay for Spurgeon, Spurgeon for McKay, McKay for Kren.

Score first half—Alma 9, Kazoo 9. Referee—Burhan, Lansing Y. Ethics Class
Bates to Buff—"Excuse my back." Buff—"Oh that's all right, the back is the best part of a goose."

THE OLD MAID'S ASSOCIATION

This play, staged by the Y. W. C. A., is destined to be the most entertaining feature of the season.

The Old Maids, Jerusha Eliza Bangs, President, Rebecca Retrace, Minty Clovertop, Desire A. Mann, Petunia Pickles, etc., are assembled at a club meeting. Their purpose is to catch lonely bachelor hearts. There are various reports of committees on Matrimonial Outlook for the year 1922, The Waiting and Watching for Incoming Widowers and Bachelors, and the Committee for Persuading Brethren, including any suggestions from the other members in the furtherance of their noble aim.

During the discussion a loud rap was heard. The producer of this rap proved to be Prof. Makerneux, who enters with a large box and tells the ladies that if they will enter his machine box, they will—. But come and find out.

It will be extremely profitable to the men, for they will discover just how much they are appreciated. The play will be given in the near future.

Mending China.

Flake white, ordinary oil paint, will mend china. Be sure that there is no dust on the china. Then put a little flake white on one broken piece and hold it tightly against the other. Then put the broken dish aside for ten days or two weeks while the flake white hardens.

Without Fear.

A little girl was reproached by her mother for ironing her doll's clothes on Sunday. "It's very wicked," said the mother, "to do that on Sunday—and you may be sure the Lord sees you." "Oh, then I'm sure He knows this iron is cold, so it's all right," answered the little girl.

MICKIE SAYS

IF YA HAD A VOICE 'AT COULD BE HEARD FORTY MILES, WOULDNY IT HELP YA TELL FOLKS WHAT YA GOY TO SELL? WELL SIR, AN AD IN OUR PAPER WILL GIVE YA A FORTY MILE VOICE"



CHARLES SUGHRUE

LINCOLN BANQUET SATURDAY NIGHT

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its history, had been so artistically decorated. The whole gym looked like a bower of evergreens, covered by a roof of green streamers. From every window, shone forth Phi insignia. In every corner of the gym were tastily arranged cozy-spots for the weary. Everything had been provided for, even to the little green keg, which gave relief to the thirsty.

Bill Gallagher's orchestra provided the music, and getting into the spirit of the occasion, played as they never had played before.

It will be many a day before the Lincoln Banquet of 1922 is forgotten, for it will go down in the Book of Memories, as one of the most outstanding of events.

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HERE'S A LETTER FROM "JIMMIE"



JAMES E. MITCHELL
Dean of Alma College

Grand Hotel, London, W. C.,
Jan. 14, 1922.
My Dear Editor:
President Crooks has suggested
that I write a word to The Almanian.
And possibly a brief description of
student life at Cambridge may not
be entirely without interest.

Cambridge University is made up
of twenty colleges, as I recall; eight-
teen of them are for men and two for
women. Girton, the older of the
girls' colleges, is three miles out of
Cambridge. Evidently it was thought
when Girton was established in 1860,
that in the interest of study the girls
had better be a good distance away.
If they knew as much about the real
facts as we do, they might want the
girls near by, as an object lesson in
industry to the men.

It is interesting to see the girls
riding in by the score on their bicy-
cles to the lectures or for labora-
tory work at the university. The bicy-
cle and the motorcycle, by the way,
are the universal student conveyances
here. Almost everybody seems to
have one. It is difficult to cross a
street in Cambridge and keep out of
their way. One evening, while out
for a stroll with a couple of students,
the ubiquitous bike ran into my two
companions, knocking one of them
down. When the rider picked himself
and his up he said, "I thought, if I
steered straight at you, you would
get out of the way."

The colleges at Cambridge are en-
tirely separate and distinct from each
other. I shall not try to explain their
relation to the university. In one or
two letters to the Faculty I think I
likened it to the relation existing be-
tween our states and the United
States. And while that is perhaps as
good as one can do in a sentence, yet
it is an unsatisfactory explanation.
The relation is complex and intricate,
like so many things that have "grown
up" here in the process of the cen-
turies.

Each college, until a generation or
two ago, had its own library and labo-
ratories, and indeed they have yet,
though they are not much used now.
It would of course be a tremendous
expense as well as a terrible waste of
money to build up twenty first class
libraries, and to equip properly labo-
ratories in all these colleges, many
of which are separated only by a nar-
row street or even a wall. And so
Cambridge has in addition to the col-
lege libraries, which are for the most
part very old collections, a first class
university library, and excellent
science laboratories.

In some of the sciences, notably
physics and zoology, Cambridge stands
pre-eminent, as Dr. MacCurdy and
Professor Ditto will tell you. Sir
Isaac Newton and Charles Darwin
have worthy modern successors, who
are not only in the front rank in their
respective sciences but are really
leading the van.

But I had in mind to write exclu-
sively of student life. I said each
college is a unit in itself, enclosed
by a wall. The only way to get in or
out is through the front gate; and no
one may go out after ten o'clock at
night though he may come in as late
as twelve o'clock.

Students live in the college halls,
so far as these will accommodate
them. Until recently no more stu-

dents were admitted than could be
kept in the halls; and since some of
the colleges had rooms for less than
one hundred, the student body in each
institution was not large. Since the
war, however, the pressure of attend-
ance has been so great that students
are allowed to room outside the col-
leges.

The residence halls are of course
very old, but they are divided into
sections much like our proposed new
boys' hall at Alma. There are only
two suites of rooms on each floor, and
the buildings are mostly three stories
high, so that there are six students
in each section.

These six students have what is
called in student parlance a "gyp" and
a "bedder" to look after the section.
Sometimes it is a man and his wife.
The gyp's business is to make a fire
in the grate in the morning and to
have the room comfortable when the
student gets up. He also assists the
bedder in keeping all the rooms clean
and in order—no small task.

You will wonder, as did I, what the
word gyp means. I am told it is a
modification of the Greek word gyp,
meaning vulture, and that the word
was chosen because of its peculiar
appropriateness. Gyp and "swipe"
are practically synonymous terms.

But what, you will ask, is there to
swipe in a boy's room? Well, much,
often, and principally, good things to
eat. The English eat four times a
day. Breakfast at (some time before
noon), lunch at 1:30, tea at 4:30, and
dinner at 7:30. The really indispens-
able meal with an Englishman is his
tea. He may forego any of his others,
but his tea, never.

Practically every student here has
breakfast in his room. He often in-
vites friends in. He may indeed get
his own lunch and always his tea, but
dinner he must have in the dining
hall.

A chap told me of a trap he laid
for his gyp. He got a pound of tea,
divided it into two packages, hid the
one from which he used himself and
left the other on his shelf. The pack-
age on the shelf disappeared much
faster than his own; and meeting his
gyp in the larder one day he said,
"Say, gyp, your half pound of tea
didn't last as long as mine." So you
see the significance of the term.

Students are not annoyed here by
exams at the end of each semester
as you are. It is only at the end of
the course when one is up for a de-
gree that he has a real examination,
and then they cover the work of the
entire course, and are the real thing.

One is not examined by his teacher
at all, or even by his college, but by
"evil minded" university men. Every-
thing depends on one's success in
these examinations. Those receiv-
ing the highest grade become
"senior wrangler"—a high honor and
one not infrequently won by a woman.
During his last year a student usually
engages a coach. In most cases it is
a don, who, in this way, supplements
his not too munificent salary. Those
whose students have a reputation of
"getting by" or winning honors are
much sought as coaches.

I should like to write about athletics
but that would require a whole letter
and this one is too long already. But
may I say that football is played all
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Present Arms!
Watching the strolling couples on Friday evening reminds us of the Arms Conference.
—which reminds us that ten o'clock brings a Disarmament Conference.

DesJardins remarked that the jokes in the Campus Breezes column were the best part of The Almanian. We thank him for the compliment but perhaps he said it because he knew that his name would appear here only.

Let's spend our time studying instead of making resolutions; the marks might respond accordingly.

A mighty pain it is to flunk,
And 'tis a joy that pain to miss.
But if we start to work right now,
By June, our marks will cause us bliss.

About this time of the year our greatest ambition is to make "A" mark in the College.

Cornered!
I saw her coming towards me,
As I started for my class.
Ah, my heart began to flutter;
I tried to run. Alas!
She caught me and her eyes
Were beaming straightway into mine.
She espoke the soft words over,
As I listened to her line.

She pleaded and she threatened;
Her words more heated grew.
And I heard the last bell ringing
As I tried to bid "adieu."
But she would not let me leave her;
Her sweet words held me there.
And I finally bought a ticket
For the dance, from "Red" McNair.

The groundhog came out the other day, saw the shadow of the Mt. Pleasant-Alma score, and fell back into his hole.

Vreeland (frequently addressing audience): "I want land reform; I want tax reform; I want social reform; I want—"
Tired voice: "—Chloroform."

Isn't it funny that we have so much trouble trying to convince the folks at home that marks don't mean anything and that it's what we get out of the course that counts!

Hot One
Dusenbury (after having his voice tried): "Do you think I will ever be able to do anything with my voice?"
Prof. Beausang: "Well, it might come in handy in case of a fire."

Vaughn (To lonesome-looking girl in DeLuxe): Are you looking for a particular person?"
Girl: "I'm satisfied if you are."

The mailman breezed in this morning with this little contribution, anonymous:
Says Johnny de Rhyme: "May we soon see the time
When the girls will not cut off their tresses.
Nor duly expose their nice new half-hose
By wearing those shocking short dresses.
"But of this we are glad (be the style good or bad)
New knowledge has come to our ken.
For we now know for sure what we knew not before,
Some girls have bow-legs like us men!"

HERE'S A LETTER FROM "JIMMIE"
(Continued from page three)
winter. It is the great national game here, like baseball with us. All the colleges have teams, but the choicest men are of course selected for the "varsity."
I have attended a great many games, because I have been anxious to understand the game as played here, as well as to become familiar with the English college and university life. It was quite shocking at first to hear the remarks from the sidelines when Jesus College or Christ's College was playing. I confine myself to one expression which seemed to be more common than the others—"Buck up, Jesus." Of course it meant the same as "brace up, Alma," and the sacrilegious feeling soon disappeared. I had much the same feeling when I ran into "Christ's Alley" and "Jesus Lane" on my first day in Cambridge.

I can't close this letter without telling you what splendid hosts the English are. None know better how to play the part of a gentleman than the cultivated Englishmen do, and it really seems to me that they treat the Americans better than they do anyone else.
My very best wishes to you all.
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