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HOURS OF STUDY SHOWN BY TESTS

RECENT QUESTIONNAIRE IN THE CHAPEL REVEALS SOME INTERESTING FACTS.

SENIORS TOP LIST

FRESHMEN SEEM TO TAKE LIFE EASIER.

Data which was secured during the chapel period one morning recently has brought to light an interesting set of figures concerning the amount of time spent by Alma students on academic work during week days, Saturdays and Sundays. Cards were distributed and instructions given to the students to write the amount of studying done each day, and the time spent in the library each week. As this was accomplished before the student body realized what was coming, the answers were extempore and, as President Crooks remarked, the results might have been different, presumably greater, if time for consideration had been allowed. The names of the students were not called for in the report, so it is impossible to establish a correlation between the amount of time spent on studies and the corresponding marks. However, it can be assumed with reasonable certainty that, in the majority of cases, the marks bear directly upon the amount of studying done.

There were many interesting comparisons brought out by the figures. The reports showed that the average number of hours spent in daily studying varied inversely as the number in the class. That is, the Freshman class being the largest, the average number was 3.8 hours per student per day, the Seniors spending 4.86 hours per student per day. The figures for Saturday studying and time spent in the library are in the same proportion. Figures for the amount of Sunday studying deviate from the preceding figures in that the Seniors study least, (only one of the eleven in the class doing any work on Sunday) the Freshmen next, while the Sophomores and Juniors top the list, tying each other for the greatest number of hours spent on Sunday. One Junior reported that he, or was it a "she," studied eight and one-half hours each week day. Two Sophomores and one Freshman seem to put in eight hours a day while one Junior and two Sophomores study eight hours on Saturday.

It might be gathered from the reports that the two upper classes show the greatest amount of uniformity in study habits, their hours ranging from an average of two hours to eight hours per day, while in the two lower classes the average ranges from no hours per day to eight hours per day. The most noticeable feature (Continued on page three)

Saturday Fray To Be at Hillsdale

The Alma Collegians are scheduled to meet Hillsdale college in an M. I. A. game at Hillsdale Saturday, but there is some question whether or not the game will be played. The contract calls for such a small amount of money that unless a game can be carded for Friday night the Hillsdale game may be cancelled.

There would be nothing to gain by playing the game except to beat Hillsdale the second time. By reason of not playing either Ypsilanti or Kalamazoo, Hillsdale has not lost the number of games that Alma has and even should the locals win they could not pass Hillsdale in the standings.

VETERAN OF 1921



FRANK M. VREELAND

Washington Address by Dr. J. M. Gelston

Dr. J. Mills Gelston, father of Rev. Gelston of the local Presbyterian Church, spoke in chapel Wednesday. He chose to talk about Washington by way of contrast with Lincoln, as the birthdays of these two men are in such close proximity. Washington, said Dr. Geston, was rich, being one of the richest men of his day. He would be reckoned a millionaire in the present age. He gave his services to his country, both in the War of the Revolution and later as President, without pay. He was a soldier in the most technical sense of the word, having been a major in the Virginia Colonial Army at the age of nineteen and Commander in Chief at twenty-three. He personally conducted the Revolutionary War, and was rated as one of the world's greatest generals. Finally, Washington was cultured. He had a good education, mingled with the aristocrats, and was a fastidious dresser. He was also a royal entertainer, and spent his money lavishly on his friends. On the other hand, Lincoln was poor. He was born and reared in poverty, and only attained his education by hard work. He was not a soldier. He knew very little of military technique, but he had the ability to choose good commanders, and the foresight to rely greatly on their judgment. He was far from handsome, was not particular about his dress, and mingled more with the common class of people.

Having developed the points of contrast, Dr. Gelston pointed out the points of similarity. Both men were religious, and believed themselves to have been placed in their respective positions by Providence. Lincoln, perhaps, placed a greater reliance in prayer, altho both men were very devout. Both were animated by a splendid sense of duty to their country, and were firm believers in the union. Taking Lincoln and Washington as examples, Dr. Gelston closed his address with a plea for a reliance on the Christian Faith. Your education, said Dr. Gelston, will not avail you supreme happiness unless it is well founded in profound faith in Jesus Christ.

Although Dr. Gelston is old in years, he is young in spirit, and he delivered his address with a youthful vigor. The talk was enjoyed by the students and faculty, and it is hoped that the college may have the pleasure of hearing him again.

STUDENT COUNCIL

A regular meeting of the Student Council was called to order by the president Monday, Feb. 20. After roll call the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Motion was made and seconded that the petition of Kappa Iota to give a dance be granted. Carried.

Motion was made and seconded that the president be empowered to appoint a committee of four to draw up a set of resolutions for inter-class contests. Carried.

Motion was made and seconded that a committee on awards be appointed by the president. Carried.

Adjournment.

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EIGHT COLLEGES TO SEND ORATORS

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TO BE SCENE OF AFTERNOON AND EVENING CONTESTS.

ENTRIES STRONG

VREELAND AND OSGOOD TO REPRESENT ALMA.

Representatives from eight Michigan colleges will contest for oratorical honors in the State Oratorical Contest here next Friday, March 3. The institutions represented will be, in addition to Alma, Adrian, Albion, Olivet, Hillsdale, Hope, Kalamazoo, and Ypsilanti Normal. This is the first time that the Michigan Oratorical League has had its annual meet in Alma since 1915. At that time a tabernacle built for a local evangelistic campaign was the place of contest, and a record attendance of 1300 people heard the orations. Alma will not have another contest until the rounds of the other colleges in the M. O. L. have been made. Albion had the contest last year, and Olivet will be the place of meeting in 1923. All these things make the fact of Alma's privilege this year more pronounced.

The orations will be given in the Presbyterian church. The women's contest will occur at two o'clock in the afternoon, while the men will orate at eight o'clock in the evening. Between the two events a reception at Wright Hall for Alma's visitors is being planned by the Y. W. C. A. Alma will be ably represented this year by Louise Osgood and Frank M. Vreeland. Miss Osgood's oration, "The World's Challenge to the College Student," which was so decidedly effective in the local oratoricals, is a promising one, and Alma can be confident of being well upheld in the afternoon session. Vreeland, who took fourth place at Albion last year, stands an even better chance this year. His oration, "The Equality of Love," has a greater appeal than his former effort, and should be more effective. Both orators have been training to the limit under the able coaching of Professor Hamilton to be in the best of shape for the fray. They have, too, the added advantage of the home support.

The visitors from the other colleges are all of exceptional rank. From Albion come Mr. Harry Laity with the oration, "Our Debt of Honor," an appeal for better care of our war disabled, and Miss Opal Hoopingarner with the subject, "International Faith." Albion's orator was the state winner last year in the men's contest and Albion looks to place well this year. Olivet should be stronger than last year. Their representatives are Mr. Louis Le Mieux, speaking on "A Challenge to Modern Education" and Miss Marian Clafni, who orates on "The Need of the Twentieth Century." Ypsilanti Normal has always made a good showing in the M. O. L., and this year, with the oration "It Must Not Be Again" given by Mr. Harry Lynch, and "The Challenge of the Twentieth Century," presented by Miss Florence Larson, they should be strong contenders. In the person of Mr. William Schrier, Kalamazoo has a veteran of the Albion contest. Mr. Schrier is an able speaker and his oration, "Our Next Step," will undoubtedly go well. In the women's contest Miss Helen Ward will be the Kazoo representative, pleading for "Our Social Dependents." Hope, the outstanding oratorical college of the league, send to Alma this year Mr. Burgraff (Continued on page two)

"Great minds have purposes, others have wishes."

RESOLVED TO WIN



LOUISE OSGOOD

Speaker Tells of the Work in India

Sunday afternoon Alma students were given a treat in the form of a talk by Rev. Ross Wilson, a missionary from India. Mr. Wilson's work in India is in connection with the Christian college at Lahore, the great metropolis of the Punjab. Having spent ten years in this city, the speaker was well qualified to talk on Indian customs and problems. He chose as his topic "Prophecy Come True," and based his talk upon the first lines of the well known drama, "The Servant in the House," by telling the life story of a converted Hindoo who has in reality built cathedrals in India and whose words are listened to by thousands.

The story of Sadhu Sundar Singh was intensely interesting. Although a member of its Hindoo religion, the young Sadhu Sundar Singh was sent to a Christian school for his education. He early evinced a strong dislike for the Bible study and the Scriptures. However, as he grew up he became more and more reconciled to the new teachings, and finally as he reached maturity the fact of his own heathen religion so disturbed him that he had no peace of mind. One night he became so wrought up that he vowed to fight the thing through that night to some satisfactory conclusion or kill himself. During the night he experienced a change of heart, and gave his life completely to the service of Jesus Christ. When he informed his father the next day of his decision he was told to renounce his new faith. That was the beginning of his struggle at home which ended in his being ordered to leave. He went to a neighboring Christian village and studied for ministry in the Church of England. At last, however, he decided that he could do more good as a Sadhu, or personal evangelist.

His work led him into the frontier country of Afghanistan where no Christians are allowed under the penalty of death. Trusting completely in his Christ, he went about preaching the Message of Salvation. In one city the Mohammedan leaders plotted to kill him, but so great was his faith and so winning his personality that he converted some of his would-be slayers into Christianity. He went from there to the highlands of Tibet where he experienced a remarkable deliverance from death. On the order of one of the priests, he was thrown into a deep pit, locked in by a steel door over the top, and left to die. In the night the door mysteriously opened, a voice called him, a rope was lowered and he was pulled to safety. As his feet touched the ground he looked for his deliverer but he had disappeared. It was clearly, according to Sadhu Sundar Singh, a miracle, the work of God. From there he went to England and America, and everywhere he won peoples' hearts by his faith and simple message. He returned to India and is still carrying out his inspired work.

The intensely interesting story was made more enjoyable by the local color which Mr. Wilson was able to put into it. It was indeed, one of the finest talks that has been heard in Alma in a long time.

ALMA FIVE GETS AN EVEN BREAK

KAZOO WINS EASILY WITH ALMA WEAKENED BY LOSS OF CRITTENDEN.

OLIVET TROUNCED

CRIMSON FRAY A FREE-FOR-ALL BATTLE.

Minus the services of Crittenden, one of the most reliable guards in the state, and Sorderstrom, a clever forward, the Alma College basketball team made a fine showing against Kalamazoo College's crack team on the Kazoo floor Friday night and on Saturday night in spite of the crippled condition of the five again slaughtered the Olivet cagers, this time on the Olivet floor, winning 39 to 14.

Against the great defense put up by Kalamazoo Friday evening Alma was able to do little, scoring only three field baskets during the entire fray, and lost 35 to 14. The Kalamazoo aggregation was going at its best, and with the Alma defense greatly weakened by the loss of the stellar work that Crittenden has shown all season, the Maroon and Cream was unable to hold the Celery City scoring machine in check as was done on the Alma floor in the previous contest when Kazoo just managed to emerge a winner. Kirker was the high scorer for the Almacian against the Kalamazoo five, getting one field basket and eight fouls, for ten of the fourteen points.

The Olivet fray was more of a football contest than a basket ball game. Just once during the entire contest was a foul called, that coming when an Olivet man made what closely resembled the well known flying tackle of football. Officiating of this kind on the small Olivet floor made team work an impossibility and Coach Campbell sent his huskiest lineup against the Crimson with such good results that the Watson coached aggregation never had a look-in for the honors of the evening. Johnson, Wright, Shaver, Carty and Beam, the (Continued on page three)

Inter-Class Games Scheduled at Last

To stimulate rivalry between classes, to create class spirit, and to create a bit of amusing recreation, the Student Council has taken into its hands the matter of a basketball tournament. This tournament is to be between the classes, the players on each class to be the pick of the class with the exclusion of varsity men. Pond Lilies are eligible, providing they have never entered a varsity game. Varsity substitutes who have played with the first team in any game other than practice, are not eligible.

In order to determine the class basketball championship, the following games will be played at the time and place as scheduled:

Freshmen vs. Sophomores, Monday, Feb. 27, 4 p. m.

Seniors vs. Juniors, Wednesday, March 1, 4 p. m.

Championship game, Thursday, March 2, 4 p. m.

All three games are to be played in the college gym. The two teams that will play the championship game will be the victors of the two preceding games. It is the duty of each class president to see that his class team is chosen, and the floor ready to play on at the above stated place and time.

A referee and timekeeper will be appointed by the Student Council.

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LET'S GO, ALMA!

The State Oratorical Contest will be held here Friday. It will be the greatest event in Alma College this year, and it therefore calls for the support of the entire student body. Only once in eight years do we get a chance to hear our own orators or to entertain the orators of other colleges. Because our orators need our support, and because we will be entertaining visitors, Friday should be a gala day.

With substantial support from the student body, our orators will stand a better show in the contest. Vreeland is a veteran of one state contest. He has an excellent oration, far above the average, and this combined with his experience makes him an especially strong man to represent Alma. Miss Osgood's is also very good, and in addition is unusual as she has not followed the beaten path of college orations in her subject matter. She has a good delivery and platform presence, and has a fine chance of placing high in the contest. In fact, Alma has two stellar entrants who are certain to make a creditable showing for the college. The one thing they need is the support of the student body. An athletic team has the group feeling to urge it on. The various members encourage one another and work together. But an orator has to go the way alone. The standing of his college depends upon his efforts and his alone. Is it any wonder that the orator searches out the audience for a friendly face to help him through his awful feeling of aloneness? Let us send our orators to the platform knowing that they are not fighting alone, but that the whole student body is behind them. Let us be there in full force, give them some lusty cheers, and give them all the encouragement that a responsive audience can offer.

Now as to the entertainment of our guests, we must likewise be out in full force Friday to show them that Alma College knows how to treat visitors. Most of these people have never been to Alma before, and their opinion of our college will largely be made by this first impression. They have heard much about Alma and are expecting great things, and it is up to us to see that they are not disappointed. From the moment they arrive until the conductor calls "All Aboard" for their departure, we must see that they are provided with entertainment. Let us show them the campus from the jungle to Wright Hall, and then be at the reception to extend to them the glad hand. Let them know that Alma is on the map, that we are glad they are here, and that we want them to come again.

Friday is the big day. Alma will be invaded by students from all over the state who will want to see what this college in the North can do. Old Alma is noted for the fight she puts up on her home grounds, and her orators are fighting at home this year. They are ready to battle valiantly for high honors, but they must not be expected to do it alone. Let us be on hand and cheer as we have never cheered before, so that Frank and Louise will know that not only themselves, but the whole student body is united in the desire for victory for the Maroon and Cream. Then let us not forget to entertain our visitors so royally that they will not carry back with them the sting of defeat, but the remembrance of a mighty good time.

WHO WAS JOHN HANCOCK?

Last fall the Almanian published two ads for the John Hancock Life Insurance Company in which a prize was offered to the person who would give the best answer to the question, "Who was John Hancock?" The competition closed November 15. Below is a news item of the results:

Boston, Mass.—College undergraduates and alumni were given the opportunity of competing for a prize of \$100 offered by the John Hancock Life Insurance Company. This prize

has been awarded to Leon V. Quigley, a student at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

One of the questions asked by Thomas A. Edison in his first and most famous questionnaire was, "Who was John Hancock?" At least one answer stated that John Hancock was president of a life insurance company. So an officer of the John Hancock Life Insurance Company of Boston conceived the idea of putting the question before college men and offering a prize for the best answer. Due to the unexpectedly large number of competitors, considerable difficulty was experienced in deciding on the winner, as the competition closed on November 15th and the award has just been made.

Mr. Quigley is 20 years old, lives in Worcester, is a member of the Junior Class and a student in the Chemical Engineering Department.

Y. W. C. A.

At the regular "Y" meeting, after the opening hymns, Agnes Youngs introduced the speaker of the evening, Mrs. Notestein. The subject was "A Plan for Our Lives." Mrs. Notestein read from the twentieth chapter of the Acts. In commenting upon the Scripture she said she admired Paul for his strong, forceful character. He made Christianity a living issue in life.

In the talk which followed, Mrs. Notestein placed great emphasis on the importance of making plans. She said that service and ministry should have its proper place. Consider the relation of individuality and environment. One is apt to over-rate the importance of environment. That is, we tend to be influenced by conditions and people about us, not always the best. One should have enough moral courage to stand out as individual maker of one's own destiny. The kind of education one gets depends upon the seed one sows regardless of what the soil is like. Our lives are what we choose to make them.

Principles bear the same relationship to life as the constitution to the country. They are the guiding influences which make for character. All should have ideals, and then the moral courage to live up to them.

There is the matter of good resolutions. These are fine things if they crystallize into action. "I believe it is better not to make resolutions at all, than to make them with no intention of keeping them, because this gives a sense of failure," said the speaker.

In conclusion, a brief summary of the essentials to a life of service was made. First, keep an ideal before you. You cannot go very far wrong if your ideal is high enough. Second, live up to it; this requires moral courage. Third, give the right estimate to values; do not work for the avarice of reward. Ministry and service,—these are the more noble thoughts.

PHILOMATHEAN

Current events constituted the responses to roll call in the meeting held Monday, February 20. Various important topics were discussed and voted upon during the business meeting preceding the program for the evening.

Mildred Gerow began this interesting program by entertaining the society with a charming selection on the piano. Following this the recent happenings both at home and abroad were presented to us. Margaret Holmes in her paper on the "Conditions in Europe" pointed out the fact that Germany today has the least number of unemployed of any of the nations that were actively engaged in the war. The keenest concern of America today is the ending of the present business depression. Good results have been obtained through the recent National Conference of Unemployed to which went representatives of capital, labor, and the public. These facts were brought out in Zada Doerr's paper covering the "Happenings in America." An impromptu, "Germany's Unofficial Kaiser, Hugo Stinnes," was very well given by Ruth Stewart. We find that this man has a great influence over Germany, that he is planning to complete the Berlin-Bagdad Railway, and that he intends coming to America in the near future for the sole purpose of making a commercial treaty.

When adjournment came, all expressed the feeling that they had gained a good deal from this meeting.

Roomscha Kahtolieke Drankweer Interacademiale is the name of a vigorous society among the Catholic students of Holland. Its name means—Catholic Intercollegiate Prohibition Association Against Alcoholism. Among the other students are two similar organizations, one for university students, called Interacademial Geheel Onthonders Bond, with clubs in six universities, and the other among students of secondary schools, called Nederlansche Bond von Abstinente Studeerenden.

STATE ORATORICAL HERE FRIDAY

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and Miss McBride, and will make a strong bid for first honors. Information is not available as to the Hillsdale and Adrian contestants.

A pleasing program of music has been provided to go with the afternoon and evening sessions and should add to their attraction.

A fine gold medal, especially designed for the M. O. L., will be given to the successful orators in both the men's and women's contests. These medals are a highly prized award, signifying as they do the state intercollegiate oratorical supremacy.

The winner of the contest at Alma this year will go to the Eastern Divisional Contest, held in Indianapolis, April 14, and if successful there will go into the finals at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, May 5. Michigan has usually been a strong college in the Interstate Association. Gorton of Albion, last year's winner, placed second in the finals.

The M. O. L. directors, representing the business management of the league, will meet Friday morning. They will take up matters of constitutional revision and other business in connection with the contest this year. The officers of the M. O. L. board of directors this year are Ralph Harris of Adrian, president; Eldon Sander-son of Albion, secretary, and Thomas Dasef of Alma, treasurer. Harris will be the league representative at the meeting of the Interstate Association this year.

Alma is making big preparations to take care of the contest, and intends to see that things are put over in fine shape. Classes will be suspended at least a part of Friday and attendance of the full student body at both afternoon and evening meetings is planned. It is a big thing for the college, and coming as rarely as it does, constitutes a great opportunity as well. Alma will meet it with her usual spirit.

PHI PHI ALPHA

President Wenger called Phi Phi Alpha to order Monday evening, Feb. 20. Invocation by Eckles. After a very short business meeting a program of a literary nature was taken up.

Donald Sullivan read an interesting paper on the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence waterway project. In it he pointed out the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed measure.

Elno McGlone gave a paper on the "Future of Our Merchant Marine." In the leading up to the main theme of his report, Mr. McGlone narrated upon the beginning of the marine and its present condition today.

James Rose read a paper on "The Principles of the Open Shop." In it the principles were outlined in good form.

The impromptu of the evening were given by Freeman, Pelmont and Eckles, each narrating something about France. Eckles talked on the educational system of France; Pelmont on fifty years of the French republics, and Freeman on the intricacies of the French government. R. Wilson, critic, gave his report.

ALPHA THETA

The regular meeting of the Alpha Theta Literary society was called to order February 20 by the president, Mabel Field. Roll call was answered to by the name of a Russian writer and a fact concerning his life. There was a first critic's report. The minutes were read and approved after which the business of the evening was taken up. The program followed. In the impromptu, "Russia Behind the Veil," given by Virginia Tremaine, the idea was brought out that almost every Russian lives unconsciously two lives, one which the casual traveller observes, and the other which is his true self. This was followed by a most interesting and instructive review of the book, "The World at the Crossroads," given by Elsa Struble. It was indeed a treat to hear Mr. Dawdyoff tell about the life of the Russian peasants, as well as other things of interest to a foreigner. The program was concluded by the relating by Ellen Laman of Tolstoi's story "Ivan the Fool." Adjournment.

Regular meeting of the Kappa Iota Literary Society was called to order by the vice-president, Beatrice Shaunding, on Monday evening, Feb. 20. The meeting opened by the repeating of the pledge. Roll call was answered by each girl giving a quotation about poetry. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved. The reports of various committees concerning the dance to be given on Friday evening, Feb. 24, were given. After other regular business had been brought before the society and duly discussed, the benediction was repeated. Adjournment.

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ABOUT BOOKS

There are few students in the college who realize the opportunities afforded by the library. Many use the library for their class room work such as preparing English and history lessons, but how few are reading the books that are being talked about in educated circles today.

Every student interested in history should read the Mirrors of Downing Street and the Mirrors of Washington. These books give intimate pictures into the political life of today, and are considered the most standard books which have been recently published. The Next War by Will Irwin has recently been added to the library, and Frank Crane when reviewing this book remarked that its influence would be as great as that of Uncle Tom's Cabin. Students cannot afford to neglect reading these books which are influencing the thought of today to such an extent. If the reading habit is not formed while one is in college, it is very doubtful if it will ever be acquired.

For the benefit of those students who do not know the books contained in the library for general reading, the following are suggested: Theodore Roosevelt's Letters to His Children, My Brother, Theodore Roosevelt, by Corinne Roosevelt Robinson; The Middle Kingdom, by S. W. Williams; The Theatre of Tomorrow, by Kenneth McGowan; The Life of the Spider, by J. H. Fabre; Legend of the Sacred Image, by Selma Laegerloff; Main Travelled Roads, by Hamlin Garland; Dead Souls, by Nikolai Gogol; The Bent Twig, by Dorothy Canfield Fisher; The Cabin, by Blasco Ibanez; Russell H. Conwell and His Work, by Agnes R. Burr; The Great Wall of China, by W. G. Geil; Producing Amateur Entertainments, by Helen Ferris; Six Short Plays, by John Galsworthy; Tired Radicals, by Walter Weyl; The American Novel, by Carl Van Doren; American Dramatists, by M. J. Moses.

In its successful campaign for a new stadium, the University of California put itself in the situation, not of asking for donations but of selling seats in the stadium for the next ten years. The unit of payment to the stadium fund was \$100, each cash payment purchasing \$100 in scrip, redeemable in stadium tickets at the rate of \$10 for the next ten years.

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FIRST DANCE OF SEMESTER UP-
HOLDS KAPPA'S REPUTATION
OF STARTING THINGS.

Kappa Iota was the sponsor for the first all-college dance of the second semester. As usual, it was held in the gym, but in contrast to the elaborate formal dance that Kappa Iota gave in January, this one was purely informal. However, the dance was greatly enjoyed by everyone for it has been many moons since that Kappa Iota formal, which was the last all-college dance.

There were a goodly number present who seemed to appreciate the dance all the more after their long hibernation. Programs were quickly filled up (and these by the way were the only touch of formality present) and then to the luring strains of Gallagher's orchestra all thoughts of a muddled world were forgotten, as the dancers glided happily over the floor.

The one thing necessary to loosen up, and to put "pep" in a dance is a circle two-step. This was not lacking, for about the seventh dance "Sid" Foster announced a circle two-step as the next number. And, of course, everyone became confused as usual when the changes were called, not seeming to know which was their right and which their left. But the big dash came when the men were gathered at one end of the hall, and the fair sex at the other. Every one made a bee-line for a partner at the given signal, and then romped off with his conquest. There was also a "ladies' choice" and the men waited patiently while the fair sex gave them the once over, and then finally took them on approval.

There was a huge bowl of punch in evidence, and that it was well worthy its name was evident through the large number who made pilgrimages there.

Kenneth Thoms, in the orchestra enclosure, wielded his bow as of old, playing with such nerve that he literally made his violin talk.

The doleful strains of "Home Sweet Home" came only too soon, but rules must be obeyed, and so the Wrightward journey began.

ENGINEERING CLUB

The meeting of the Engineering Club, February 23rd, was called to order by the president and was immediately turned over to the literary program.

The first paper of the evening was given by Mr. Waggoner, who chose for his subject "Engineers." The first part of his paper dealt with the different meanings of engineer. Next he brought out the fact that not only were engineers needed in engineering but that they were needed in every line of profession of the modern times. They are needed in medicine, preaching the gospel of God, and in business administration. The responsibility of an engineer was also discussed. The possibility for a man to take some literary courses along with his engineering course was brought out as a proof that small colleges are better for preparation for the profession one is to take.

The second paper of the evening was given by Mr. Rathsburg. He chose for his topic "The Greatest Marvel of the Twentieth Century in Electricity." This great marvel is the vacuum tube amplifier. This amplifier was likened unto a great force of steam which was let loose by a small lever. The explanation of this was that the tube lets loose a great amount of electricity which generates waves in the air. The vacuum tube was used by President Harding when he talked to the thousands at one of his speeches. It is also used in telephoning around the world and across the continent.

The fact that one should sell himself when he has a new idea was brought out in the discussion after the papers were read. By selling one's self is meant that when one has a new idea he should go to some man of influence and persuade him to help one to put this idea across so it will help the world to become more civilized.

The Club accepted the offer of the city manager to visit the gas plant some time in the future, but the time was not set as it is to be decided by the president.

The program for the next meeting consists of papers by Mr. Williams, Mr. H. Rose and Mr. Wilson.

The meeting was adjourned for two weeks.

The U. S. government maintains 135 schools in Alaska with an expenditure of about a half million dollars and an enrollment of 6, 899.

Y. W. C. A. RECEPTION

Alma is to have the pleasure of entertaining the delegates to the State Oratorical Contest on Friday of this week. In order that their stay may be made the more pleasant and that we may all become better acquainted, the Y. W. C. A. is holding a reception in Wright Hall, at the close of the women's contest, which will take place in the afternoon. As it has been said, the contestants are coming from all parts of the state, and it is our desire that they may take back with them a pleasant memory of Alma and of their visit here. In order that this may be more easily accomplished, a short program has been arranged which will satisfy the most critical audience.

Miss Fromilda Young (our own prima donna) has kindly consented to sing, and Miss Mildred Gerow, our popular pianist, will give one of her beautiful selections. A musical reading will be rendered by Miss Rhea Stinson and, last but not least, our interpretive dancer, Miss Clarissa Vreeland, will entertain. Is this not enough to please the most exacting?

It is a great privilege to have these guests from the different colleges, and all members of the faculty and student body are cordially invited to come and help make them welcome.

ZETA SIGMA

Owing to the sickness of President Crittenden, Vice-President Bates called to order the Zeta Sigma meeting of February 20th. The literary program was reverted to at once.

A paper entitled "My Impression of the Zeta Sigma Stag Banquet of 1922" was read by G. Kirker. It was well outlined and summarized the banquet proceedings in an able manner.

"Alma College in 1930" was the subject of a paper by F. Mitchell. The predictions were cleverly made and the paper was one of humor and interest.

Kenneth Laycock gave a paper on "The Future of Russia."

An important discussion of current business then took place. Vital steps were taken in regard to the society's future policies.

Meeting adjourned.

BETA TAU EPSILON

An interesting meeting of Beta Tau Epsilon was held Saturday, Feb. 18. Rather a lively discussion arose over the proper length of term of a janitor since the present incumbent thought he had filled the office long enough, and wished to resign. Two months was the decision and the resignation was not accepted. After some opposition, the society decided to give the play "Prexy's Proxy" on the earliest available date in April. Another matter that had hitherto been neglected, the choosing of society colors and flowers, was put out of the way. Blue and gold was the choice for colors, and violets, because there are varieties in both aforementioned colors, were the choice for the society flowers. One new member was received, but his initiation was deferred to the next meeting.

**HOURS OF STUDY
SHOWN BY TESTS**

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ture of the whole experiment was the comparatively small number of hours spent in library work. The Seniors spend an average of 4.31 hours per week in the library, the other figures ranging down to 3.32 hours for each Freshman. Doubtless, the student finds that library work is essential to his studies and as he progresses he spends more time there.

The whole experiment was a success and formed very interesting information concerning the study habits of our students. The results were probably fairly accurate due to the unexpected call for the figures, before any "doping" of hours could be accomplished.

**ALMA FIVE GETS
AN EVEN BREAK**

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heavyweights of the Maroon and Cream squad, were sent into action against the Crimson, by reason of the smallness of the Olivet floor and they performed way above expectations. Johnson was the big part of the Alma scoring machine counting nine field baskets on the Crimson. Wright was second in the attack, getting six field baskets, the same number that he had in the fray here with Olivet.

L'Union Interlyceene de la Ligue Nationale contre l'Alcoolisme is an organization of French secondary school students for study of alcoholism. They are not required to be total abstainers, but are for moderation or temperance as they speak of it. Recently a series of meetings has been held throughout France, at which thousands of students have attended the morning and afternoon sessions.

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Campus Breezes

Bring in the Eggs!
John (at the Paris): "Well, West, how was that hot egg sandwich?"
Howard: "John, to tell the truth, it was the youngest chicken sandwich I ever ate!"

Ruth King (after Ruth Stewart had read her some Shakespeare): "But I don't understand what the stuff is about."
Ruth Stewart: "Why, Ruth, these writings are over three hundred years old!"

Ruth King: "Well, all I have to say is that you've kept that book in mighty fine condition."

Not So Loud!
Edith (in DeLuxe, as the straw in her coca-cola breaks): "Oh, oh, my last straw's broke!"

Cuddy: "Sh, you don't need to tell everybody, even if I am."
Graham: "We had chicken three times at Wright Hall this week."
Catherman: "Whew, isn't that pretty extravagant?"

Alvin: "Oh, no, it was all the same chicken."

So Say We All!
Here's to the Chaperone!
May she learn from Cupid,
Just enough blindness
To be sweetly stupid.

We see by the papers that a psychological test was given to the Frosh of Northwestern. The same test was given to a number of the professors; the Frosh had higher averages than the professors! Now just what would happen if such a thing could occur on our own campus. Imagine Prof. Ditto pondering in vain to find the opposite to the word "verticillaster." Or imagine if you will, Dr. Randels figuring out whether a guava was a fish or a bird. Yet again can we see Prof. Hamilton dividing a circle into eighteen equal parts, and have enough remaining to make a one inch square? Of course, we can all conceive of the idea that the Frosh in any institution are extremely brilliant and perhaps are quick at tests, but after all it is an extremely vain supposition. This all sounds nice but the clever Frosh who turned the tables on their instructors must have broken into the office and secured the questions the night before and had them written on their cuffs! There must be a nigger in the woodpile somewhere!

Breathes there a man with hand so deft, who never drops ashes on his vest?

If the warm weather doesn't show up soon, Merriam will have that nifty golf outfit worn out before he gets a chance to use it.

The Law of Gravitation was proved frequently during the freeze last week. Vaughn's hot line thawed us out, however.

They serve us spuds, and stew, and hash.
Sometimes some soup, they make us sip.
It gets my goat, though, when they serve
A wish-bone in the fine prune-whip!

We're bound not to mention names but we can't hold the story:

One of "our" girls asked permission to go riding with a young man. "Is he your father, brother, or cousin?" asked the Dean.

"No, ma'am."
"Are you engaged to him?"
"No, ma'am—but I expect to be before we get back!"
And yet men are called the aggressors!

Nut: "What's the masculine for 'laundress'?"
Nutte: "Chinaman."

Diplomacy.
Fred: "You've kept me waiting like a fool on this corner for an hour!"
Mary: "Oh, no, Fred, I only kept you waiting."

Marjorie: "Have you offered Alvin any encouragement?"
Helen: "Oh, yes, when he asked me what my favorite flower was, I told him, 'Brown's for pastry and Smith's for bread!'"

Butch (calling garage): "Send assistance at once; I've turned turtle."
Garage man: "My dear sir, this is a garage; you want an aquarium!"

Denmark's Studerende Ungdoms Afholdsforbund, the Danish students anti-alcohol movement, has joined the World Student Federation Against Alcoholism which was formed last October at Luasanne, Switzerland.

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