

# The Weekly Almanian

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## ALMA WORKING FOR MILITARY INSTRUCTION

### Faculty Members Issue Statements Which Show Training Advisable for Men.

After a canvass of the sentiments of some of the members of the faculty of the College, there seems to be very little doubt but that military training will become a part of the regular course of the men students of the College. This seems very probable during the war at any rate. There is no doubt but that the training which they would receive, should they be placed under strict military officers, would be of great value to the development of the men for the service of their country, and at the same time they would be able to finish their year's work. Now that war has been declared and that real action seems imminent, it is the duty of every able-bodied man to prepare himself for the defence of the flag, and for the liberation of the world from a German autocracy. There are several men from the college who have tried to enter the service of the army, but have been refused for various reasons.

The following is the statement made by President Crooks in regard to military training: "Before the war began I should not have favored universal military service; I cannot now believe that it will be necessary after this war is over. For so long a time as we are in war, I am in favor of such universal military service as will make all classes of American citizens equally responsible for the nation's success. I do not believe that the volunteer system will suffice in this time of special need. The proper method at the present time would seem to me to make all young men of certain ages liable to service—probably from these an army would be made up by some method of conscription."

While Dean Mitchell is not in favor of military training, yet he says, "I don't believe in military training as a principle because I think it tends to create a military caste, where the civilian has no rights such as a military man has, when it comes to respect. However, I believe it is now in order, and we ought to have it." Dean Mitchell has written to Governor Sleeper to see what support may be had from the state should the men from the college be trained.

Dr. Frank Notestein says, "I had two years of it, and I believe we ought to have it. However, there should be no compulsion that a man will have to serve in the regular army, if he takes up military training here in Alma. It is a good thing."

Professor West makes this statement, in regard to military training in Alma: "After having had two years of military training, I can say that I believe in it as a means of securing a good physical development and as a means of discipline. I do not believe in it if the sole purpose is the training of soldiers and the building up a strong military nation from the young men of our colleges and universities. Nevertheless, if the young men who are strong physically, have the training they will be ready in case the country needs them. I would have every student take the work unless excused by a physician. Military training will never be a success in a small college with only a few dozen men taking the work and the remainder of the men on the drill grounds as spectators. There are about enough men at Alma college to make a company, and in connection with this there should be developed a band and a signal corps. I would also favor having Pioneer Hall under the supervision of officers from the company."

Dr. Bober, who has received his military training in Germany, is very decidedly in favor of military training (Continued on page four)

## ALMA COLLEGE GLEE CLUB



Reading from left to right: Upper row—Perrigo, Street, Robinson, Johnston, Thurau, Halteman, McAuley, Beshgetoor, McAllister, D. Smith. Lower row—Grimes, Seeley, Coleman, Moon, Lampton, Prof. Veatch, Parker, M. Smith.

### ALPHA THETA PLAY

It is not often that Wright Hall folks get a Thursday night "out." Furthermore it's a real occasion when any one has an opportunity to attend an Alpha Theta entertainment. So it was not strange that there was an unusually large crowd in the College chapel, Thursday evening, March 23rd.

The play was a truly "college" one, that must have been made to order for the Alpha Theta girls. For there was a girl exactly suited for every character, so that the actresses had only to be natural in order to fill their rolls to perfection.

One might wait in on such a scene as was presented in the first act, almost any night in Wright Hall. For there were "Billie" Lind, as Babe Henderson, making fudge in the chafing dish; Katherine Goodwillie as Babbie Hildreth, giving good advice, and Marion Cooper as the all-round Betty Wales, playing the unintentional hostess. Mildred McConkey was there as Helen Adams, still worrying about the Lucretius, and there was Eloise Carey as "Bob" Parker, throwing cushions and making an indignant speech on the cruelty of an unreasonable faculty. During the fudge party Lulu Stone are Roberta Lewis, scared us all with her "Little Orphant Annie" song. It was Marie Doane as Madeline Ayres, "A person of infinite resource," who first conceived Georgia Ames. For "Bob" needed a double to help her shoulder her heavy responsibilities as student, athlete and society belle. So Madeline invented Georgia who should serve also as means of puzzling Mary Brooks (Beatrice Koefgen), an inveterate tease.

Georgia's fame grew rapidly as the girls contributed themes, violets, calling cards and Paris handkerchiefs to make her negative presence seem

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### OPEN SEASON FRIDAY

The Alma college baseball season will open on Friday of this week with the Alma college nine facing the strong Mt. Pleasant Indian team, coached by "Chief" Nevitt, the former league star.

Nevitt will have a fast team, well coached and trained, one that will give the Presbyterians a game right from the start. A bunch of veterans will come to Alma with Nevitt in the attempt to secure revenge for the victories that Alma has won in former years from the Government Indian school.

The prospects for the Alma college baseball team are rosy, and a fine team is expected, but it is still a question as to what the lineup will be that Coach Helmer will send against the Redskins in the opening game of the season. It is certain to be the strongest team that Helmer can collect, as the Indians will be one of the strongest teams that Alma will meet.

There is every probability that the veterans on the team will get into the game in the opening battle, but some of the new comers will also see action in the forthcoming game.

The veteran Fitch from Marlette, will, without a doubt, be found behind the plate for another season, although Seig may get a chance to show what he can do, should Alma find the going easier than is now expected.

Captain "Bottle" Depew is certain to twist a few with his portside wing, and get the honor for opening the season of 1917. Depew is in good shape and has always been affective against the Indians. Boyne, the recruit twirler from Marlette, may also get a chance to do some heaving, as he has been looking fine in practice.

First base may again be held by ex-Captain Eddie Johnston, but there is also a chance that Coach Helmer may decide on one of the recruits, all of whom have been showing good form in the practices so far held. Because of his pitching, Helmer would rather hold Johnston back and use someone

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### EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST

Who could have asked for a nicer and brighter Easter day than we had last Sunday, and who could complain of the way in which the day's program was started? First, the sun shone gloriously in through all the windows and soon every woman in Wright Hall and every college man as well, was up, rejoicing for all the wonderful opportunities which were offered.

A little before eight o'clock all the girls, clad in pretty white dresses, assembled in the large reception room. President and Mrs. Crooks, Dean Roberts and other members of the faculty took their places in the dining hall and the procession of students led by the girls of the Glee club, which was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Replogle, sang the Alleluia chorus as they wended their way slowly around the tables.

In the dining room the shades were drawn and the tables placed so as to form a large "E" were decorated with lighted candles and beautiful white lilies and yellow daffodils. Each girl carried a small yellow or white lighted candle set in a daffodil shaped holder. The usual morning exercise having been concluded, President Crooks read Mark's version of the Resurrection. After breakfast, which lasted somewhat longer than usual, the girl's Glee club sang "The Palms," and another Wright Hall Easter breakfast was ended.

### ZETA SIGMA

The officers elected for the third year are as follows:

Robert McAllister, president.  
Frank Bittner, vice-president.  
George Hebert, secretary.  
Stanley Warner, treasurer.  
Chester Robinson, first critic.  
Donald Smith, second critic.  
Fred Holt, janitor.

## EVENTFUL GLEE CLUB TRIP ENDS SUDDENLY

### Visit of Men to Many Cities of Michigan Leaves Good Name for Alma.

One thing always stands out prominently in the memory of an affair like a Glee club trip. This year that thing will be the sudden and unexpected ending. It sounded like a good April fool joke, when on Sunday morning, April 1, in Niles, the club arrived at church, were told of Lampman's scarlet fever and then ordered back to Alma by President Crooks. But when the pretty choir members looked at them so suspiciously and shunned their approach, the affair looked more serious. So the manager cancelled the Decatur and Battle Creek dates and the club returned to Alma Sunday evening. Some were sent to the Brainerd hospital for the week, while others were allowed to meet the Monday trains.

Nevertheless, the trip was very successful in every way, financially, artistically and "otherwise." Mr. Veatch left after the second concert, and much credit is due to him and his training of the club that it was able to continue the trip and keep up a high standard of work in the concerts. He appointed Robinson, Moon and Seeley to do the "bawling out" in his place, but very little was needed.

A summary:  
Stanton—Fair crowd; good concert; a fairly appreciative audience; Beshgetoor stars.

Greenville—Saturday. Small crowd; very appreciative; gave a poor concert; McAllister, MacAuley and others get "cracked." Sunday—Very large crowd; good concert; "Mutt & Jeff" sang a duet.

St. Johns—Rainy night; fair crowd; good concert; party at Smith's relatives; "Singer" Thurou discovers another singer.

Ionia—Good crowd, rather unresponsive; good concert; "Squirt" enjoys himself; had some pictures taken. Grand Ledge—Fair crowd, quite appreciative; good concert; "Art & Ed" are there.

Hastings—Good crowd, very appreciative; fairly good concert.

Plainwell—Good crowd, quite appreciative; fairly good concert; "Chet" stars and Lampman meets his doom; had the basketball fever; went through the paper mill.

Niles—Choir serve supper; eat with President Crooks; Rainy night, but a good crowd and appreciative; good concert; Lampman did not feel well.

A remarkable part of the trip was that everybody attended rehearsals and concerts with great promptness. "There's a reason."

Grimes was the individual star always getting 3x4 encores to his readings.

Beshgetoor's lecture was good, and much enjoyed at most places.

### CO-ED EDITION OF ALMANIAN

The next issue of the "Almanian" will be a co-ed edition. There has been a request by the girls of Wright Hall that they be given another opportunity to edit a paper. There is no reason why they should not have it, so they have elected the following staff which will look after affairs next week:

Editor-in-chief—Olive Batie.  
Associate editor—Edith Layer.  
Athletic editor—Eloise Carey.  
Joke editor—Jean Jackson.  
Contributing editors—Wilhelmine Ritter, Jo Riser, Bea Koefgen, Bertha Vogt.

### NOTICE

It was the intention of the staff to run the debaters' cuts in this issue of the paper, but through a delay it has been impossible for them to run. For that reason "can" material has been substituted.

## Alma—Hope—Olivet Debate College Chapel Friday Evening, April 13, 1917

Question: "Resolved, That with respect to immigration the United States should accord to the citizens of China and Japan the same treatment that is accorded to the citizens of European nations."

Affirmative—Alma—Hope: Linton Melvin, Captain; Efford Beverly, Carl Titus. Negative—Alma—Olivet: Howard Burtch, Captain; Floyd Krueger, Thomas Wright.

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**NOTICE**

On account of the delay in arrival of the debaters' cuts, this issue of the "Almanian" is a day late.

**OUR DEBATERS**

Another year has rolled around and the time for the annual Alma-Hope-Olivet triangular debate has come to us. There is little doubt but that the teams this year are among the best that Alma has turned out in a long time, and altho we do not say that they will be winning teams yet, there is every chance for Alma gaining the laurels this year.

Last season, Alma won one and lost one, defeating Hope college at Hope, and losing to Olivet at Alma. It is very necessary that our affirmative team maintain its record against the Dutchmen, and it is all the more necessary that our negative team get even with their opponents at Olivet. The question for debate is, "Resolved, that with respect to immigration, the United States should accord to the citizens of China and Japan the same treatment that is accorded to the citizens of European nations."

Let every student and faculty member be at the contest which will be held in the college chapel on Friday at eight. At the close of the contest there will be an informal reception for the Hope debaters and visitors to which all are cordially invited. Show your Alma pep, and be on hand. Give the debating teams your support and boost. Alma must win.

It is time to think of another Almanian election. The present staff takes this method of bringing the matter before the student body and feels consideration should be given to so important an election. The present method of election may be improved upon, by choosing the staff of editors a few weeks before the end of the school year so that they may become acquainted with the workings of the paper while the retiring staff is still in office. This will save considerable delay and inconvenience at the beginning of the school year, and it will make the editors more competent and give them an idea of the work which is before them. The election will be held in the middle part of May, so let all be thinking of the best man for the job.

**S. O. S.**

"Mr. Blain Curtis,  
Alma Michigan.

March 27, 1917.

"Could you possibly get me an evangelistic team for Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week?"

Yours truly,

**REV. WILLIAM Y. PHOLEY.**  
Ashley, Michigan."

This was the message received by Mr. Curtis, the county Y. M. C. A. secretary, on Tuesday of vacation week, asking for an evangelistic team. After an ardent search he discovered three fellows—Charlie Kennedy, Myrdyn Davies and Bob Adams—who could go. So Friday Mr. Curtis and Bob went down to Ashley and helped in the service at Reverend Pholey's church. Saturday morning Davies came down. Then, in spite of the rain, we went with the boys on a hike. At noon we had a picnic dinner, and such a dinner we never expect to see again. After everybody had eaten all he could hold, we played games, built rafts and sailed on the creek—with numerous capsizings. At night we returned, everybody having thoroughly enjoyed himself. On Sunday morning, Kennedy came down and preached the morning sermon. The rest of us helped out in the Sunday school. That afternoon we held a meeting for boys, at which time Bob, Charlie and Mr. Curtis talked. Sunday was also Decision Day in the Methodist church so the boys were asked to make a decision for Christ.

Nine boys responded to the appeal and stated their intention of leading a Christian life.

The regular Sunday evening sermon was preached by Davies. During our stay in Ashley we were quartered with the good people of the town. We are very thankful to them for their hospitality and the good time they showed us. On Monday morning, we came back to Alma, all having thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. None of us will ever forget that trip to Ashley and the good times we had and the good friends we made there. We all hope that we did as much good for the people of Ashley as they did for us.

**Y. W. EASTER SERVICE**

The Easter service of Y. W. C. A. was well attended and the meeting itself seemed to reflect some of the brightness of the day. Miss Lorgion gave a violin selection from Maritana, "In Happy Moments," and Eleanor Currie accompanied her. Mrs. Crooks read a part of the story of the Resurrection of Christ, from John, and told some of the things that Christ did, especially for women. Before that, women had been merely slaves, but He began their emancipation. For this reason alone the women of the world owe Christ an immense debt, which they can only try to repay by giving Him their loyalty and service.

**ALPHA THETA PLAY**

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quite real. Hazel Tuck was exuberantly funny as Georgiana Arms, "a long-suffering junior, born without a sense of humor." She persisted in taking Georgia's letters "by mistake," and not discovering her error until she had read the letters thru.

Mary Brooks finally solved the mystery of the presence of the ever-absent Georgia and decided to mystify the girls with communications for Georgia from a mythical "O. Upton Kidd." On the night of the prom the girls were greatly alarmed by a message from Mr. Kidd, saying that he will arrive in time for the prom. Mary finally revealed the fact that O. U. Kidd was merely her revenge, and then she introduced the real Miss Georgia Ames (Helen Grimm).

The between-act features were "living pictures," which represented well-known songs. The pictures were real girls, costumed and framed. Gladys Bradner sang the songs represented, as the pictures were shown. There were Mary DeRousie as "Mother Machree," Ruth Boer with "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes," Gladys Watkins in "Sweet and Low," Dorothy Dunham as "Annie Laurie," Mildred Cash as "Red Wing," LaRaine McKinney with "My Rosary," and Charlotte Hawes with "The Star Spangled Banner."

The play testified to the untiring efforts of the Alpha Theta girls and rewarded them well.

**OPEN SEASON FRIDAY**

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sack at this position, if it does not weaken the work at this sack.

Hebert will be located at second and Malcolm Smith will find a home for himself at short. It is expected that Geogre Simminton, the youthful Merlette lad, will be located at the third sack and complete the infield. "Simmy" is fast and is rated as a better ball player than his brother, who formerly cavorted around this sack for Alma.

Hoolihan will be the biggest noise in the outfield. A crack fielder and fast on his feet, he is sure to hold down a place. His hitting ability promises to be a big aid to the Maroon and Cream. Seeley, Ardis, Vender and a few new men are still fighting for outfield position and it is questionable just what two men will complete the outfield.

This year's team will be far stronger than that of last season and it is expected that Alma will finish well up in the running for the M. I. A. A. title this year. Everyone should be out and see the men in action in the first game, which may be the hardest.

**PHILOMATHEAN**

Philomathean held a short but interesting meeting Monday evening. The topic was "American Women," and roll call was responded to by facts about an American woman.

A report on Mrs. Pennybacker, who is the president of the General Federation of Women's clubs, was given by Rowena Rose. A carefully prepared paper on "The American Woman in Politics" was read by Lillian Hildreth.

The society then adjourned to attend the prohibition oratorical contest.

**REV. HARRY E. PORTER, '99**

The following article, which contains a statement by Mr. Porter, was sent to the "Almanian." It is taken from the Zanesville, Ohio, "Times Recorder." Mr. Porter was chairman of the Bob Jones' evangelistic campaign, which has just come to a most successful close, having converted 3,284 people. In all seventeen churches supported the cause. Mr. Porter's work at Zanesville has been meeting with great success and we are pleased to run the following statement which he has made regarding the Bob Jones' revival:

"Rev. H. E. Porter, pastor of the Brighton Presbyterian church, president of the Zanesville Ministerial association, and chairman of the ministerial committee in charge of the Bob Jones' evangelistic campaign which came to a close Sunday night, says:

"The revival was the greatest thing that ever happened in Zanesville. I want to say to the 'Times Recorder' what has been said in a general way in commending the press of the city, that the great success of the evangelistic campaign was due in large measure to the generous publicity given the meetings in the columns of the 'Times Recorder.' The evangelist spoke to about 7,000 people each day and your paper bore his message to many times that number. I thank you and the ministers associated with the revival have thanked you in resolutions they adopted."

"Continuing Rev. Mr. Porter said of Evangelist Jones: 'I regard him as next to Billy Sunday, the greatest man now engaged in evangelistic work. He is a man of wonderful power. He not only preaches, but he lives his religion.'"

**ATHLETIC SCHEDULE**

**Baseball.**

April 13—Indians at Alma.  
April 20—Ypsilanti at Alma.  
April 27—Alma at Olivet.  
April 28—Alma at Hillsdale.  
May 4—Hillsdale at Alma.  
May 5—M. A. C. at East Lansing.  
May 11—Albion at Albion.  
May 12—Kalamazoo at Kalamazoo.  
May 16—Mt. Pleasant at Mt. Pleasant.

May 18—Kalamazoo at Alma.  
May 19—Adrian at Alma.  
May 24—Olivet at Alma.  
May 25—Albion at Alma.  
May 26—Open, but will be filled.  
June 1 and 2—M. I. A. A. meet at Albion.  
June 9—Ypsilanti at Ypsilanti.  
June 12—Alumni at Alma.

**Track.**

May 12—Invitation meet at M. A. C.  
May 19—Ypsilanti at Alma.  
May 26—Mt. Pleasant at Mt. Pleasant, pending.  
April 27—Olivet at Olivet, pending.  
April 21—Hope at Holland, pending.

Local track meets before each baseball game when no other meet is scheduled.  
June 1 and 2—M. I. A. A. meet at Albion.

**Tennis.**

May 5—Mt. Pleasant at Alma.  
May 12—Alma at Mt. Pleasant.  
May 26—Alma at Olivet.  
Two other dates with M. A. C. and Mt. Pleasant to be arranged.

**PHI PHI ALPHA**

At the meeting held on March 21st, the following officers were elected for the spring term:

President—Lester Doerr.  
Vice-president—Ernest Bacon.  
Secretary—Morton Ault.  
Treasurer—Howard Burch.  
First critic—Carl Titus.  
Second critic—Melvin Vender.  
Almanian reporter—Murry Martin.  
Janitor—"Commodore" Bryce.

For the janitorship this time the three foremost candidates selected as having the best credentials and recommendations were Millard, Anderson and Bryce. Millard, as his supporters pointed out, had a vast knowledge of housewifery which he would be able to use in the administration of this office—this brought him many votes. The supporters of Anderson claimed that the man for the job should of necessity be a husky fellow who could wield a broom and duster for hours without fatigue—therefore he deserved the office. The followers of Bryce pointed out that in their man there was a happy combination of the two qualities desired. After much deliberation the "Commodore" was elected. When the result was made sure a telegram of congratulations was sent to Bryce who was then at home.

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### Alumni Round Table

Where we are and what we are doing

Mr. M. C. Davies, Editor,  
"The Weekly Almanian,"  
Alma, Michigan.

My dear Mr. Davies:—  
I returned a few days ago from a seven weeks' business trip, and was pleased to find your appreciative letter upon my return home. You may be interested to know that since January 1st I have visited twenty different states, ten of which are now in the prohibition column. I was as far west as Denver, and as far south as Oklahoma City and Jacksonville, Fla. Two years ago I had the pleasure of being in Des Moines at the time the Iowa legislature voted Iowa dry, to take effect January 1, 1916. The city wished to get ahead of the state and it voted dry to take effect, as I remember it, March 1, 1915. I have been in Iowa several times since and it has been a pleasure to note the many beneficent results of prohibition on every hand. The most eloquent demonstration as to the value of prohibition came, however, from the wash tub, for in Denver I learned that during the first five months of prohibition the Silver State Laundry, of that city, added 401 family washings to its patronage. Many wash women have been thrown out of employment by the happy fact that their husbands now save their money instead of spending it in saloons. One interesting case came to my attention personally through the wife of one of our agents. She had been accustomed to having a woman come every week to do her family washing. Several weeks ago she sent word that she would help my friend as a neighborly act of accomodation, or in case of any other urgent emergency arising, but that as Tom was now saving his money she was no longer obliged to go out seeking work.

I did not see as many Alma people as I have on some of my former trips. I did, however, spend a very pleasant evening with Dr. Will S. Cooper, '06, and his mother in their home in Minneapolis. After a delightful dinner Will entertained us with stereopticon pictures which he had taken on one of his very interesting Alaska trips. We had hoped to have Professor and Mrs. Pennell with us, but they were unable to come. They are all well, however, and their year-old baby girl is making life interesting and happy for them. Mr. Cooper in the University of Minneapolis, and Mr. Pennell in the public schools of Minneapolis, are both doing excellent work. The weather in Minneapolis registered twenty-five degrees below zero on February 5th, and in Jacksonville, on March 4th, where I spent Sunday a month later, it registered eighty-two degrees above.

In Sioux City, Iowa, I renewed my acquaintance with my former fellow townsman, and college classmate, Mr. Robin L. Hamilton, ex-'04. He too is doing excellent work, having recently been promoted to assistant superintendent of schools, and having direct charge of vocational education. The Sioux City public schools are noted for their unusual success in the progressive measures which they have adopted.

I have been interested to learn of the progress being made in the raising of the special endowment fund for the college, and I am very glad that the city of Alma itself has done so well in forwarding the movement.

I enjoyed reading Dr. Bruske's recent letter and the items concerning Rev. J. E. Webber.

With best wishes for the continued success of the "Almanian," and all that it represents, I remain,  
Yours very truly,  
WILLIAM WINTON, '04.

#### WRIGHT HALL NEWS

Miss Irene Reiser was the guest of her sister, Josephine, over Easter.  
Miss Juanita Lorgion, of Detroit, was the guest of Miss Elena Currie over the week end.  
Miss Rae Stein returned to college Friday, after an extended vacation on account of illness.  
Miss Percy Sherman Robinson, of Traverse City, is visiting her sister, Miss Caroleen Robinson, this week.  
Miss Marcia Carl is here for a while helping in President Crooks' office.

#### WHERE THEY ARE

##### Class of 1902.

Wesley Bradfield, Museum Assistant, Museum of New Mexico and School of American Archaeology, Santa Fe, N. M.  
William E. Brock, 43 E. 10th St., New York, N. Y.  
John N. Booth, Teacher Westport High School, Kansas City, Mo.  
Rev. William J. Ewing, Presbyterian Church, Willisca, Ia.  
Egbert E. Fell, Superintendent of Schools, Holland.  
Agnes Hope, St. Johns.  
Alice Rebecca Marsh, General Secretary, Y. M. C. A., Detroit.

##### Class of 1903.

Lucius S. Bagley, Banker, Morris, Okla.  
William R. Baker, H. S. Teacher, Davenport, Ia.  
Rev. John Y. Broyk, Dutch Ref. Church, Plainfield, N. J.  
Mrs. E. W. Ireland (Margaret Fitzpatrick), 491 Connecticut St., Buffalo, N. Y.  
\*Pearl Fuller.  
Mrs. E. C. Gorrell (Pauline Hazelton), Winamac, Ind.  
\*Arthur J. Helmer.  
Sadie Messinger, Alma.  
Mrs. H. T. Baker (Myrtle I. Nicholson), Manistique.  
Rev. Hugh N. Ronald, Presbyterian Church, Thorntown, Ind.  
John S. Shiner, Burroughs Adding Machine Company, Knoxville, Tenn.  
Mrs. C. W. Sidebotham (Essy Hooper), 885 Mound St., Milwaukee, Wis.  
Henry H. Soule, Contractor, Alma.  
Laura B. Soule, Teacher, Alma.  
Margaret K. Taylor, Instr. University of Chicago, 5701 Kenwood, Chicago.

##### Class of 1904.

T. George Timby, Chemist, Valley Chemical Company, Utica, Ill.  
Alice B. Thompson, Teacher, 402 W. 52nd St., Los Angeles, Cal.  
Wallace F. Webber, Paymaster Cadillac Motor Car Company; home, 247 Pallister Ave., Detroit.  
Rev. J. Wirt Dunning, Presbyterian Church, Kalamazoo.  
\*Frank R. Hurst.  
Mrs. F. R. Hurst (Bertha Higbee), Alma.  
Rev. James L. McBride, Missionary, Anchorage, Alaska.  
Leora M. Morton, Alma.  
Mrs. G. B. Randels (Elizeth Schmidt), Alma.  
Mrs. H. N. Ronald (Kate Blair), Thorntown, Ind.  
Martin J. Stormzand, Teacher, Davenport, Ia.  
Mrs. A. B. Hart (Nellie Stringham), 5025 Baltimore Ave., Philadelphia.  
Raymond C. Swigart, Principal of High School, Albion.  
\*Herbert A. Wilcox.  
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Levi J. Butler, Rancher, Irma Alta, Alberta, Can.  
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Mrs. William E. Brown (Carolyn Hastings), St. Louis.  
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I.  
There's a school in Michigan,  
And I often wish again,  
That I was back just to live those days once more;  
Then was I a student gay,  
And I'd while the time away  
On the river at night; by day I'd study, snooze and snore.  
And lonesome soul am I,  
Here's the reason why:—  
I want to go back, I want to go back,  
Back to Alma College years;  
Back through smiles and tears;  
Back to Wright Hall and the dears;  
I miss the teachers—the cruel creatures  
That made me bone 'till four a. m.  
They thought we came to college just for knowledge,  
Nevertheless, we bluffed in classes and buzzed the lasses;  
And our work was mostly play.  
My heart would jump with glee  
Could I but only see  
Alma today!

II.

I want to go back, I want to go back  
I want to ride upon the Pine.  
I want to see the nine trim old Olivet so fine.  
I miss old A. P., old Prex and J. T.  
Jimmie Mitchell and the Dean;  
I'd send their regulations to tarnation  
You bet your life!  
I'd have my joys there;  
I'd show the boys there  
How to break a rule or two.  
I'd have them on the run,  
I'd hand them out some fun,—  
And so would you!

**CANOEING ON THE PINE**

I.

Whisper to your pretty classmate,  
Tell her that the weather is fine;  
Say that you will cut your classes  
If she 'll—  
Go canoeing on the Pine.

II.

But if your partner has no privilege  
And yet she 'll make willing sign,  
Why then—meet her at the bridge  
And still—  
Go canoeing on the Pine.

III.

Tell the freshman not to worry  
As he pursues his daily gring,  
Whisper that you 'll take his girl  
Out—  
Canoeing on the Pine.

IV.

When your soul is stirred within you  
And she conceals her secret shrine  
To make it right between you  
Just—  
Go canoeing on the Pine.

V.

When the questions are all answered  
And it comes to vacation time,  
When you take that final parting,  
Then—  
Go canoeing on the Pine.

**SCHOOLS' GROWTH CONTINUES**

The increase in the enrollment of the local public schools continues at a rapid rate. Superintendent Schultz reported Tuesday that at the end of March the enrollment had reached 1,245, and at the end of Tuesday of this week, the first day following the spring vacation, it had grown to 1,265.

**Human Vanity.**

We all try to be wise; and inasmuch as most of us have very little to be wise about of our own conception, we endeavor to be wise through the medium of communicated ideas and precepts. If you make a statement to the ordinary man, and that statement seems to him to have elements of information or understanding or novelty or rationality, he repeats the same statement when he gets an opportunity—not as your statement, but as his. The sages have been remarking on the prevalence of human vanity for some thousands of years.—Samuel G. Blythe in the Saturday Evening Post.

**Probably Mamma Knew.**

Little Elsie—"My papa's a minister, and that is best." Little Grace—"My papa's a lawyer, and that's best, too." Little Elsie—"No, your papa is not a really lawyer; he just practices law. But my papa is a really minister, because he just preaches and never practices. My mamma says so."—Judge

**Convalescent.**

Butler (to Rev. Dr. Priestley)—No, sir, Mr. Baker cannot see you today. He's very sorry indeed, sir, but he's too well now to see any of the clergy.—Life.

**ALMA WORKING FOR MILITARY INSTRUCTION**

(Continued from Page One.)  
for every man. It has proved very successful in his country, and has been a great asset to it during the present war. Dr. Bober says, "I fully believe in military training for college men, for we are the natural leaders of the hundreds of thousands of men who are to be led in case of war. We are the natural leaders of the land, so we ought to have military training in our college. I am very much in favor of it, and there is no other method of training leaders than that."

Professor Cook is another member of the faculty who has had military training, and he thinks that it is superior to athletics, in that it builds every man up, and there is not the same strain upon the body as there is when brot on by a football game: "I think it is a most excellent thing. The training is splendid. It braces a man up, makes him walk with an elastic step and builds him up all round."

Dean Roberts of Wright Hall says, "I think it would be a fine thing, and I would be glad to see it here."

These are Dr. Randel's remarks: "It depends, if graceful carriage is desired, then those exercises associated with military training ought to be serviceable. If you want to prepare to be a real soldier, then go in for those forms of athletics which provoke vigorous reactions—baseball, track and football."

Dr. Brokenshire and Dr. MacCurdy have both had military training, and are in favor of it. There is no doubt but that it would be a capital thing for Alma. There is need of a training among the men for stricter obedience and a closer observance of rules, and besides there is a need of men who will be prepared for service in the field.

However, let it be remembered that should Alma have this military training, that the work will not be all pleasant. There will be hours of steady marching, fatigue duty for the disobedient, and dirty work for the privates. Yet these are all in the game, and it will be well for some men to get these experiences.

Albion college has its men under training already. Twenty men from Hope college have enlisted in the regular army, and are in the service. Great spirit had been shown by the Dutchmen and they are responding to the call in a fine way. The "Almanian" has not received reports from any other college in the state.

Should Alma adopt the military training system it is hoped that every man will take hold of it in real way, and that there will be no regret at the step taken. It will probably mean hard work and in many cases unpleasant duties, yet the service rendered will be of great value to those who have in mind enlisting in the regular army at the close of the school year. It will pay to have military training in Alma, and there is a need of it, and the "Almanian" is voicing the sentiment of the student body in furthering the desire which seems prevalent for such training.

**ALPHA THETA**

A most important meeting of the Alpha Theta Literary society was held Monday night, March 19, 1917, when the society elected the new officers for the last term of this year. They are as follows:

- President—Violet Elliot.
- Vice-president—Ruth Hooper.
- Secretary—Laura Rather.
- Treasurer—Elizabeth Creaser.
- Corresponding secretary—Hazel Tuck.
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