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MEN'S LITERARY SOCIETIES HOLD STAG DANCE

The Men of Phi Phi Alpha Hosts to the Men (,f Zeta Sigma Last Monday Night.

My friend, were you at the get-to-

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AND OF SOULS

(By C. E. Scott)

from time immemorial have circulat- are gamblers in attendance who skilled in rotation among the villages, fully beguils the copper pieces almost there has in each peasant district in a ceaseless stream from the pockbeen held what is called the Spring and Fall Festival, always held at a large temple of local fame, usually out in the country apart by itself and perched upon a hill. Satan is acute beyond conception

and, in connection with these temple

festivals, the canny Chinese have been beguiled into uniting these great sellings of goods. And the more one knows of these combined fairs and festivals, the more one realizes the significance of what Paul speaks of in Ephesians as "The Wiles of the Devil" These convenient sellings of goods (and of what proves to be of sculs as well) are rendered exceedingly popular by the wiley priests who usually arrange for a peripatetic theatre to be in attendance. This is a tremendous drawing card. The evils of the theatre as it exists in China can not be overestimated. The Chinese tell me that most of the men ets of the gullible; their boasting self-

as manors and castles of Mediaeval mothers of boys. Europe were supported by the land There are tellers of fortune, both about them worked by serfs. When old men and women, who in mock sol-"fair time" arrives great companies emn solemnity and with bland, imperof people come with banners and mu- turbable faces that mask well-nigh sicians and idolatrous images which every sort of a lie, palm off their are offered up to the celebrated deities false wisdom upon the unsophisticatof the temples. When incense and ed. paper (which are supposed to be There are supposed to be aisles bepleasing fragrance and money for the tween rows of goods laid on the spirits of the unseen) are bound. It ground behind which each salesman, is not "good form" to say the least, squatting or sitting smokes and to forget to lay actual money on the gossips, waiting for customers. Many altar for the priests who intone and a pseudo-purchaser comes along merebeat the drums as the offerers "ka ly to sharpen his bargaining faculties

ed with traffickers selling commodi- man and his little plot of ground. No ties designated for every day life. In one usually gets out of the way of view of such a scene one can well un- anybody else except when he is told derstand why in another temple One to do so, or is pushed away. The air, who was always about Hi3 father's even on a windless day, is heavy with business, did with righteous indigna- stirred-up earth and the dust of the tion use a scourge of cords to drive clothes of those who jam against one out such profane, avaricious trades- another. ing-from worn-out rags and filthy affords one of the finest opportunicotton wadding of cast-off winter gar- ties for the preaching of the gospel. can see a healthy day, up to donkeys spring and fall, that by little system-

peasant has any use for is there for touched both by the words they hear sale. The strangest conglomeration of and by the leaflets and tracts handed cheap hand-made articles that one out to them. On this particular trip could well imagine-fish at this in- we distributed many hundreds of valand place that smell to heaven, meat rious sorts of Christian literature, that one hardly dares look at, crude selling many gospel pictures and poragricultural implements, home-made tions of the Bible; and knowing from ropes, all sorts of rough pottery of previous experience that seed will be every size and shape, coarse salt, there sown which will result in the smoking tobacco, bean oil, Japanese changing of many lives. matches, single sticks of wood, conifer branches and pine cones for fuel, THE WAR IN OTHER COLLEGES peanuts, all sorts of fresh vegetables, "Long may it waive o'er the land bean curds, various kinds of Chinese of the Free and the Home of the foods-biscuits, macaroni, and nameless foods-all made in the open and covered with layers of dust. Also many sorts of grain and home-made hardware.

> The people go as much to "look see" as to buy, to get a little change from the vacuity of their joyless lives. Every sort of medicine faker is there to trade on the superstitious fears and the ignorant credulity of the people-men who sell worthless red pills which the wiley tongued expounder explains will cure anything, particularly anything that is in the system troubling, it will, by this pill, be made to come out of the mouth; and he has loathesome exhibits, all faked, of what these miracle working pills will do.

Here is another sort of a faker who cures every kind of toothache by sleight of hand and Christian Science argument. Inserting his thumb and finger plus a worm into the mouth of the pain-troubled one, he amazes the spectators by showing them that pain-producing worm which he affirms he took out of the tooth. The long-GREAT SELLINGS OF GOODS- suffering patient, open-eyed, pays his money therefor and, impressed by the strong confidence of "the doctor," goes home with the assurance that Beside the five-day markets, which his toothache will shortly stop. There



FLOYD KRUEGER Alma-Olivet Debating Team

who engage in it are foundlings, cast- confidence and loud-mouthed effrontoff babes, who are taken by some rich ery is no less a study than the faces man or well-to-do theatre company of the credulous peasants who crowd and from infancy are educated as act- around each of the workers of wonors, which profession in China at least der in his profession. Then there is wholly bad. The vileness of many are witches-middle-aged women and of the reproductions is beyond words. older-who understand human nature without experience aim to learn the Needless to say that this festival in its foibles and weaknesses. They rudiments so that they will be ready. time is a season when priests literally give to anxious women, for a considcoin eash. The temple, of course, has eration, medicine which they proits own domain of many acres wrung nounce will make these troubled, anxout of the poverty of the people, just ious, unhonored creatures the happy

upon him. The people pour in an Not only the precincts of these big endless stream up and down these temples but the inner courts are fill- aisles, even running over the sales-

men. The range of goods is bewilder- Yet such a festival at such a place ments and shoe soles that never again These fairs are so scheduled both in and mules and oxen. In the literary atic arranging of one's itinerary one line one finds books and every sort can, in connection with performing of Chinese pen-brush, ranging from the duties of his country parish, visit those made of coarse animal fur to several on one trip. It is a wonderthe tail-end hairs of the skunk, prized tul experience; but testing one to the Sept. 24, 1907, Act 1879, Alma, Mich. beyond all others for "fine writing." limit, both physically and in every Almost everything that the Chinese other way. At such places men are

Good Advice From Columbia

Men who are 21.-Take the college examinations this week and start intensive training in the officers' reserve corps with a view to taking the examination for a commission as soon as possible.

Men under 21.-Take the examinations this week. Drop some or all courses so as to be able to devote time to military study. Enter the service as corporals or sergeants, or wait until you can take the examination for commissions.

Kalamazoo Normal school is very active in the preparation of men and women for the service of their country. "Men of the faculty of Western Normal, in session last Friday afternoon, discussed plans for materially aiding the government in the war on autocratic government. Among the things proposed at the meeting was the abolition of intercollegiate ati.letics until the end of the war, establishment of military training, or something to take its place, the working of farms and vacant lots to increase food supply, establishment of Red Cross and others," says the Kalamazoo Herald. Committees have been appointed and things are getting into good working order.

The men of Parsons college, Fairfield, Iowa, realizing the great crisis of the nation and wishing to not be behind in any forward movement, tending toward preparation for that which they may be called upon to give, have presented a petition to the faculty members of the college asking that all men students be given training in military tactics as soon as possible under the leadership of some competent trainer.

Several Lawrence college men have left for the Officers' Training camp which is located at the University of Wisconsin. The men will receive full credit for the semester's work upon completion of the work at the military camp. Lawrence has also cancelled all athletics owing to the war, in order that better preparation may be made for the training of men for the army.-The Lawrentian.

A drill company of instructors and professors is being organized at the University of Wisconsin to begin daily work after spring vacation. Some of the faculty men who have had military training are entering the company with a view of taking examinations as officers; others who are



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FRIDAY-Pauline Frederick in "The Moment Before." Mrs. Vernon Castle in Chapter 7 of "Patria."

SATURDAY-Mae Marsh in "The Marriage of Molly-O." Also Keystone Comedy.

SUNDAY—Big special production in 8 reals. "God's Country and the Woman." Also Chapter 4 of "The Secret King-

Alumni Round Table

Where we are and what we are doing

Tsingau, China, Feb. 17, 1917. Dear Dr. Crooks:-

I have returned from a very interesting series of special evangelistic meetings in four of my churchesespecially helpful they were to me series of special evangelistic services a hurry. courtesy.

We have organized one church this Second Girl-"Hasn't what?" through the churches I pledged ev- very defhard the Chinese can plead, how per- hall and a third girl comes in.) sistently, how they wear the western- Third Girl-"Who in the name of er down until he becomes iron-heart- Pete has my hat?" will-power to refuse to pledge beyond

The people are shivering in fireless ner." an interrupt my sermon to lead in as she came in.) husbandless, childless-each of which roar are caught:) last in the Chinese mind is an unspeakable calamity. But she has prayed into being Christian commuhas started schools in the villages and to get a girl." and even that is to be reduced.

While on this trip each of the and slams the door.) churches sent out preaching bands Finally the whole hall is quiet, on for at least a week, three of ten mem- all sides are dark and silent rooms. bers in each. One church carried off the palm with eleven bands of men and four of women. The rest had seven. We also planned for women's Bible classes to be held in each church for a two weeks' term. There are six subjects: 1st, Christ's Parables; 2nd, Hymn Singing; 3rd, Old Testament Stories; 4th, Catechism; 5th, Christian Honoring of Parents; 6th, The Place of the Christian Mother in the Home.

The worst thing about the situation in my field is the poverty of the Christians, due to persecution from the Yamens. Every sort of scheme is trumped up to gouge money out of the

> Cordially yours, C. E. SCOTT.

ZETA SIGMA

Stanley Warner gave a talk on Professor Hedges and His Work With Orators and Debators." Chester Robinson gave a fine critic report or talk on "The Efficiency of the society." Impromptus were responded to by "Spooner" Battle in the West; Wright, "President Wilson's Message to the People." After a few voluntary speeches the society adjourned.

SNAPSHOTS OF REAL LIFE

Setting: time: guess? Place-Wright Hall (third floor). Characters-Just Girls.

Act I, Scene 1 .- Two adjourning personally. I am in for a co-opera- rooms on third, in much disorder and tion between the Chinese and foreign confusion. There are two girls someleaders, and after that will have a where in the mess, both evidently in

in five other churches, those over First Girl-"Well, I don't care which Chinese pastors preside. The Inese blamed men are always taking spirit of comradeship between us is too much for granted. Why, he has it fine and each year they do me this -- Where on earth is my other

winter and on the next trip will or- First Girl-"Who hasn't what? Oh, ganize another. Several church build- I know what you mean. Why, he ings have also this winter been de- hean't said anything about tonight dicated. On this evangelistic trip since last Wednesday, and that wasn't

ery dollar that I dared pledge, sever- Second Girl-"Ye Gods. There's my al hundred, to special needs of these buzzer, and I'm only half dressed." people for this year,-part to help (Goes to the door and yells, "What?" start village schools and also to help down the hall, then turning around), worthy pupils to attend, as these "it's you who's wanted. There what schools are the root and fruition of did I tell you, you silly. I know he'd." mission work. You have no idea how (Someone is heard running down the

edly accustomed to their ways, so First Girl-"Why, I saw your to speak, and can exert tremendous roomie with it this afternoon and

his strength to appeals most piteous. Second Girl-"And I heard some This has been a specially cold trip, one else ask for it just before din-

huts and religious meeting places, but Third Girl-"Good heavens. Give though their bodies are cold, their me one." (She grabs the first thing hearts are burning for the gospel. that's handed her, and with a gesture You should have heard a Bible wom- of despair she rushes out as wildly

prayer; kneeling, as she did, on the (Through the open door is heard a dirt floor. Many were touched, sob- chaos of many frantic voices. A few bing quietly. She is old, decrepit, of the sentences from the general up-

> "Can I borrow your-" "Where are my spats?" Who's wanted in room-

nities and institutions; she has built "Is there anybody who hasn't a school houses and church buildings, date? Some one is down there trying

won many heathen to Christ in the Second Girl-"Ye Gods. I can't! face of bitter persecution-all through find a hat pin, of any kind, and he'll her prayer life. She gets the enor- be as ugly as a bear for keeping mous salary of \$30,00 mex. a year him waiting." (She flies out leaving

the door open.) There is only one village of all the First Girl (Painting up her nose, hundreds through which I preach and making a general survey of her which has no idol temple and no idol. face)-"Well, I'm telling you this is The entire village has become Chris- the last time that he'll do a thing like this. The next time-" (Goes out

Curtain.

FROEBAL

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YPSILANTI NORMALS WIN ELEVEN INNING GAME

(Continued from Page One.) one, two, three in each frame.

sixth. Fitch doubled. Hoolihan sacrificed him to third. Johnston fouled out. Boyne was purposely walked on four pitched balls, so that Pow- our next division of action. ers could get Hebert, who tried hard. His best, however, was a roller to the to know, but the drillin' fever got us pitcher's box for an easy out. This strong. In a jiffy, the staves were was Alma's last threat until the fi- commandered from the corner of the

Dunbrook was safe on Smith's error. He stole second. Hole flied out to right. Powers rolled one at Simmy, who fussed the ball and then tried to get Powers at first on a hurried throw. The ball went wild and Dunbrook scored. Carlson flied out, were more than ready for the rations ending it for Ypsi. With two down which our hosts had provided. I might Hoolihan made a great try to save state just by way of comment that the game. He singled and stole sec- the Pennsylvania railroad is supposond, but Johnston could not rescue ed to make good time, but I am tellhim.

Hoolihan's great slugging, and base stealing featured the game. His steal of home standing out as the brightest piece of baseball during the

Alma college

*Hole out im tenth, interference. Dunn, 1st 4 1 0 14 McClear, r f. 4 0 0

Stolen bases-Hoolihan, 2; Dun-

Sacrifice hits-Hoolihan, Boyne. Struckout-By Johnston 10, by

Bases on balls-Off Johnston 1, off to the givers thereof. Powers 2.

Umpire-Crisp, Ypsi. Notes on the Game.

Had Alma held two more innings, COMPULSORY DRILL AND Umpire Crisp would have been forced to have called the game on account of darkness.

finest games of his career and a bet-

mal. Hoolihan says they should walk, placed under the supervision of either after his three hits in four, his two runs, his steal of home and the other few things that he pulled.

On pitching "Eddie" had it all over Powers and should have won, but he pitched a fine game.

in the first inning. "Bullet" had the bly receive college credit if they enticket, but Barnes staged a great list. catch and punched it.

Ypsi's three runs were presented. Only one hit was used in making the three, which shows wherein the game was lost.

ALPHA THETA

At the meeting of the Alpha Theta Literary society, Monday evening, April 15, 1917, a program on "The Life and Works of Robert Louis Stevenson" was enjoyed by all. Roll call was answered by all present. Charlotte Hawes read a well-prepared paper on "The Life of Robert Louis Stevenson," and Gladys Watkins read "Markheim," one of Stevenson's best the following program was given: known short stories. Gladys Bradner ing, after which the newly elected nard Shaw." officers treated the members of the society to light refreshments, served of Wordsworth to His Age," Bacon in the Alpha Theta room.

railway terminus. A Salvation Ar- tian character, he will always be remy lassie was selling "The War Cry" membered in the hearts of men. at the windows of the trains. In one Anderson responded heartily to the of the compartments were a number impromptu toast, "The Joys of Livof "knuts," and one of them, think- ing in Pioneer Hall." ing to have some fun at the expense offer up a word of prayer for him.

Rising to the occasion, the sister put her hand on his head sind, to the amusement of those within hearing Pisa Lean? distance, replied:

"O Lord, make this young man's heart as soft as his head."-Ex.

MEN'S LITERARY SOCIETY HOLD STAG BANQUET

(Continued from page one) as second base, her men going down of my reading that the serials always end up in this fashion: "To be con-Alma got two on the sacks in the tinued in our next." And gentle reader, a lesson is thereby drawn for us to profit by. Let us proceed to

Just how it happened no one seems "gym" and our men were drawn up in In the eleventh, Lake grounded served rank and file. We drilled upon the "gym" floor until "Judge's" voice grew hoarse, and then like all good soldiers, we obeyed the call to mess. It is quite needless to say that we responded with alacrity for we ing you the way those sandwiches disappeared made the railroad time

Under the circumstances, it was anly matural that our pep should seek a.b. r. h. p.o. a. w. son souther, and it did so without de-Simminton, 2nd .. 5 0 0 % 1 1 tay. In ranks of four, the guests and M. Smith, ss. 5 0 1 1 2 1 hosts in two divisions strong, depart-0 vd from the "gym" and started on I their evening drill. Well, to make a long story short, we marched down Superior street, up State street, down State street, and back again to Wright Hall green. At this point the men in the ranks grew quite zealous in their efforts to demonstrate just how a good soldier ought to drill. 0 Dame Rumor has it that we succeeded, for there was considerable applause from the gallaries. Eh! What's that? Oh, I beg your pardon, I mean the fire escapes.

Patient reader, have you ever heard the mellow notes of taps upon the Lake, c. 4 0 0 9 1 0 evening air? Do you not agree with Totals39 3 4 33 12 0 me, that there is a call of rest with-Innings1234567891011 R in its music that summons one to a Ypsilanti020000000 0 1 3 close of all the activities of the busy Alma010100000 0 0 2 day? To us the call was alluring Two base hits-Hoolihan, 2; Fitch, and we broke our ranks to seek the boon of nature's quiet care.

> In conclusion, let me state that we had a great time. We found the spirit of brotherhood within our midst, and as we shared we were grateful

Brothers in Phi Phi Alpha, we, the men of Zeta Sigma, thank you.

RED CROSS WORK ADAPTED

(Continued from page one) "Eddie" Johnston twirled one of the any respect by so doing.

The girls will be given training and ter brand of pitching probably will work along Red Cross lines. Each not be seen on Davis field this season. girl will receive two hours a week No more will they ride the Nor- at the work, and each group is to be a Junior or a Senior. They will make a surgical box, which contains bandages and so forth.

Several of the men have made ap-Powers deserves much credit also as plications for the military training camp which is to be located at Fort Barnes robbed Fitch of a double Sheridan, Ill. These men will proba-

PHILOMATHEAN



PHI PHI ALPHA

On Monday evening, April 16, 1917,

MacAuley read to us a very intersang most beautifully "Joy of the esting and well-prepared essay on Morning," by Harriet Ware. This "The Life, Character and Works of concluded the program for the even- the Famous Dramatist, the Late Ber-

In a paper, entitled "The Message told us something about the great English poet, Wordsworth, explaining The following amusing incident was why, because of his close communion witnessed the other day at a London with nature and his lovable Chris-

Owing to the joint-meeting with of the sister, worked her if the would Zeta Sigma the society adjourned

Case-What made the tower of

Vender-An earthquake, I guess. Babe-Say, where do they have his services. earthquakes?

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