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STATE ORATORICAL CONTEST A BIG SUCCESS

Annual Forensic Affair Held at Hope College Last Friday Was Excellent.

The twentieth annual men's oratorical contest and the tenth ladies' oratorical contest were held in Hope college, Holland, last Friday, March 2nd. Alma was ably represented by Miss Adelaide Ballou, winner of the local oratorical contest for women, and Mr. Thomas W. Wright, winner of the local men's contest. In spite of the fact that Alma did not make a place in either contest, yet there is every reason to be proud of the splendid work and showing made by her speakers. In each case they held the attention of the large audience, which practically filled the large Carnegie hall in which the contests were held. Each orator made a good impression on the listeners and judges, and although neither one succeeded in bringing home honors, there is no doubt but that Alma could have had no better representatives.

Miss Ballou was the seventh speaker in the afternoon session and spoke on the subject, "The Irrepressible Savage." The complete oration was printed in "The Weekly Almanian" a few weeks ago. She made fifth place in the state. The following is the program of the afternoon:

- Afternoon Program. M. C. Davies, Presiding. (a) Earearolle, from "Tales of Hoffman" (Offenbach)—Hope College Girls' Chorus. (b) Song of a Shepherd (Fox)—Hope College Girls' Chorus. Hope—"Diplomacy—a Secret Craft or an Open Art?"—Mary Emma Geegh. Kalamazoo—"The Silver Lining"—Mildred Annetta Tannis. Olivet—"The Significance of the Insignificant"—Olive Day. M. S. N. C.—"The Pioneer Spirit"—Ivaleen E. Hough. Violin Solo, "Canzonetta" (d'Ambrósio)—Miss Harriet Baker. Adrian—"The Modern Conception of the Golden Rule"—Dydan R. Bennett. Albion—"Even-handed Justice"—Rosemarie Hanson. Alma—"The Irrepressible Savage"—Adelaide Ballou. Hillsdale—"What a College Education Should Do for Woman"—Janet Martindale. Reception for guests at Voorhees Commons auspices of the faculty and senior class. Music by the "Uke" orchestra. After an hour's yelling and singing, the evening contest was started at eight o'clock, with the Hope man as the first speaker. Mr. Wright appeared as the seventh speaker, delivering an oration on "The Delay of the Law." This oration was also printed in the college paper recently. Wright came very close to making third place, the Kalamazoo man as well as the Albion man, but lost by a percentage. The following is the evening program:

- Evening Program. M. C. Davies, Presiding. Cheers, Slogans and Songs. Hope—"America's Declaration of Independence"—Irwin J. Lubbock. Kalamazoo—"As a Nation"—Harold Gray Osborn. Olivet—"The Call to the Colors"—Horace M. Hollister. M. S. N. C.—"The Myth of Democracy"—Oakley Calvin Johnson. (a) "Just a Wearin'" (Bond)—Hope College Male Quartet. (b) "Honolulu Way" (Burnett)—Hope College Male Quartet. Adrian—"Efficiency and Industry"—William H. Older. Albion—"The Waste of the Churches"—William C. S. Pellowe. Alma—"The Delay of the Law"—Thomas W. Wright. (Continued on Page Two.)

BASE BALL SCHEDULE

Nine Michigan Intercollegiate Games Among These Listed.

The Alma college baseball schedule given out by Manager Linton Melvin calls for a number of good baseball games, among which will be nine Michigan intercollegiate bouts, which will bring the M. I. A. A. title to Alma college, if Alma can bring them into camp.

The schedule calls for the appearance of every M. I. A. A. team on the local lot, and besides this Alma will play all except Adrian away from home. Most of the M. I. A. A. games will come two a week during the season, with a few other games being played early before the M. I. A. A. season gets under way.

Games are still to be arranged with the Mt. Pleasant Indian school.

Coach Helmer has his baseball men working out twice a week, and as soon as the basket ball season is over daily workouts will be held in the college gymnasium. Ten of last year's letter winners are back for the team this year, which will be led by Captain "Bottles" Depew, pitcher on the Alma team for two seasons.

The schedule: April 14—Open. April 20—Michigan State Normal at Alma.

- April 21—Open. April 27—Olivet at Olivet. April 28—Hillsdale at Hillsdale. May 4—Hillsdale at Alma. May 5—M. A. C. at East Lansing. May 11—Albion at Albion. May 12—Kalamazoo college at Kalamazoo. May 16—Mt. Pleasant Normals at Mt. Pleasant. May 18—Kalamazoo college at Alma. May 19—Adrian college at Alma. May 24—Olivet college at Alma. May 25—Albion college at Alma. June 1 and 2—M. I. A. A. Baseball Finals and Track Meet at Albion. June 9—Michigan State Normal at Ypsilanti.

ZETA SIGMA STAG BANQUET

The annual stag banquet of Zeta Sigma was held on Saturday, February 24th. About thirty seated themselves around the table, after which four Alma huskies brought in the chicken. So that we might not gorge ourselves too quickly, Jake Anderson arose and told any one who had a joke to interrupt the meal at any time and spring it. This brought fourth Pat and Mike and Tim Lizzie stories from 1492 to the present writing.

After every one had let out his belt to the last notch, Robert McAllister, president, presented the toastmaster, Oscar Anderson. Jake commended the regular program committee on their irregular program and then introduced Marlette Sintonon, who gave a toast on "Vision." Following him, was "Bissy" Bittner with remarks. Jake introduced him as the positive speaker. Then came the comparative degree in "Chet" Robinson with more remarks, and last the superlative degree in "Chewy" Lewis. When more remarks were called for, ideas were given by Wright and the lucky number 13 was called upon and all remarks were given.

The following is a paper on "Our Place." It was an excellent paper on the subject of "Our Place at Lakes." The authors by which tons are taken from our lakes. Rolland Marsh produced laughter in a great quantity on a paper "An Autobiography." The impromptu were—"Henry Ford, the Master of Efficiency," Follette; "Oust the Hohenzollern," Martelle, and "Congress and Its Two Resolutions," Seeley.

THE PLEASING CHAP

"Why do you turn, O summer girl, The end of the novel to see?" "Why, don't you know," she gently said. "It's the last chap pleases me?"

ALMA LOSES TO THE UNDISPUTED STATE CHAMPIONS

Kazoo Cinches the M. I. A. A. Title Race by a Big Score.

Kalamazoo (in the estimation of the writer), the best team in the state, defeated the Alma quintet at Kalamazoo Saturday evening, March 3rd, by the score of 55 to 17. Kazoo hasn't lost a game this season and in four years have not lost a game on their own floor. Such teams as Notre Dame and the Traverse City Olympics took the count before them, so Alma did not have very high hopes of victory.

The game she started with a rush. Two forwards and center came down the floor like one horse race. Three men for our two guards. But them guards do good work. "Grandpa" French grab dat ball any time. (The reason why was in the gallery.) When our guard cover too close dat big man center Frosh he billiard dat ball off the end wall, jump in and shoot. They shoot like U. S. sailors—99 out of 100. The ball goes very high in the air, like a rainbow. They fire at long range, from the right and left wing doing much damage.

Our boys fight hard on stange battle field. After ten minutes, they get guns in position, fight hard but have had aim. "The Kazoo Scott," "Hookstraw" and "Frosh" did the heavy cannonading for the Germans. Look in the summary for the gunners of the Allies.

The "Ref" he raise his hand many time for personal foul. Richards and Strome have to resign because he raise his hand too many time over them.

- Lineup and summary: Kalamazoo. Alma. MacGregor R. E. Gallagher Hoekstra L. E. Smith Fausch C. E. Foote Emerson R. G. French Rile L. G. Richards Score at the end of first half—Kazoo, 30; Alma, 9. Field goals—Smith, 1; Gallagher, 1; Hoekt, 2; Johnson, 1; MacGregor, 9; Hoekstra, 5; Fausch, 6; Emerson, 5; Kyle, 1. Substitutions—Strome for Emerson, Emerson for Fausch, Champney for Strome, Johnson for Richards, A Foote for Ed. Foote. Free throws—Smith, 3 out of 4; Gallagher, 4 out of 9; MacGregor, 3 out of 8. Time of halves—20 minutes. Referee—Huntington, University of Chicago.

Notes on the Game. "Runt" Smith was held to one basket. "Siclops" Gallagher was off form on foul shooting. Both feet got into the game. "Tollie" and "Hawk" landed in Grand Rapids with 26 cents and without a friend.

PROEBEL

Froebel society met Monday, February 19th. Roll call was answered by current events and a short business meeting followed. Then as the next of the contemporary dramatists under consideration, Masefield was discussed; Arlene McKay gave a complete sketch of his life, and Marguerite Dyer reported on his drama, "The Tragedy of Man." Both papers were interesting and contributive, and fully appreciated by everyone.

The Froebel society held a short but very interesting meeting last Monday evening, February 26th. The entire program was given up to a discussion of Maurice Materlinck and his works, by Miss Foot, with special attention to his drama, "Pelleas and Melisande." Every one was not only interested but felt that she had gained a true knowledge of the dramatist and his art. Miss Rae Stein played a selection on the piano which every one enjoyed, and after repeating the Froebel prayer, the meeting was adjourned.

"Isn't pocket-picking a difficult and dangerous art?" "Yes, till you get your hand in."

NORMALS LOSE

First and Second Teams Are Humbled.

The Normal lads, fifteen strong, came to our city Wednesday evening to engage Alma's first and second teams in an exhibition of basket ball. Blake Miller's men showed marked improvement over their early season form. The Maroon and Cream quintet couldn't seem to get under way, players were frequently seen standing on their foot. Miller's men used the five-man defense, but Alma succeeded in getting 36 counters to the Normals' 21. Gallagher and Smith were the heavy scorers for the locals. French played a good game at guard. Almy, Brown and Vincent starred for the visitors, showing some classy passing.

In the first game between the reserves, the spectators were frequently on their feet. She was some battle, believe me. The Alma seconds came out best with 24 to the enemies 13. The Normals started out with a rush, scoring five points before Helmer's scrubs wake up. Tharau was the big noise in the scoring line. Hebert and Smith caged two baskets per half.

- Lineup and summary: Field baskets—Tharau, 5; Smith, 2; Hebert, 2; Coleman, 1; Melvin, 1-22. Getty, Lake, Warner, 2; Wilson, 5. Fouls—Coleman, 2 out of 3; Getty, 1 out of 3; Lake, 0 out of 2; Warner, 2 out of 6.

Notes on the Game.

"Hawk" was in there, mussing them up. Alma had time out once. Gallagher had to tie his shoe. Hebert had his man in the locker but couldn't get the door shut. Fitch was boring in. He couldn't get the toe hold but he used his voice to good advantage. His motto is—"If you can't kill a man, scare him to death."

"Squirt" wanted to have the ball when the half ended, so he continued the game until he got it. Fine work, "Squirt."

"Cawky" surprised himself by dropping one in from the center of the floor.

In the first game the well trained guards did good work. In the second half they let up a little.

The girls turned out in good number, even if they did have to use a social cut. Fine spirit, girls. We would like to see a few members of the faculty at our basket ball games.

PHI PHI ALPHA

The regular meeting on Monday, February 26th, was conducted with Vice-President Beshgetoor in the chair.

Melvin Vender gave a humorous reading, entitled "Pronouns Cause a Mixup." Almost the entire body took part in the program by giving impromptu speeches. Those responding were Martin, Jackson, Sieg, Millard, Schermerhorn, Cole, Case, Anderson, Bay, VanDuzen, Finlayson and Bryce. Those who were slighted were the chairman, secretary and critic. Anderson, "emphatic" and gave a reading, entitled "The Frenchman's Flea Cawdy."

PHILOMATHEAN

After an important business meeting, Philomathean spent a most enjoyable evening with American novels and novelists. Roll call was responded to by a talk about an American novelist.

Edith Lyer read a interesting paper which discussed fully the question, "Is there a national spirit in the American novel?" A very instructive paper on Jack London was given by Lillian Hildreth. A talk on American novels, prepared from the "Mentor," by Erma Gates, concluded the program for the evening.

WORTH THE PRICE?

First select a girl (a pretty one). Then bet her a dollar that you can kiss her without touching her. (This sounds impossible and will appeal to her sporting blood.) Next kiss her and pay the dollar like a good loser. Who wins?—Harvard Lampoon.

DR. BARKLEY LEADS WEEK OF RELIGIOUS INSPIRATION

Problems of Vital Importance Discussed Before Student Body.

On a balcony, overhanging an abyss, you may stand and watch the waves fretting and worrying the rocks below, and listen to their song of woe as it is wafted upward to him; but in the end he must turn his face upward to the glorious sky, to the great blue heavens—to God. Our faces were turned to God as Dr. Barkley brought us his message of love, and we earnestly wished that Alma might be a greater Christian college.

On Monday, the question of "Christian Zeal" was discussed and the thought left uppermost in our minds was "it is well to be zealously affected toward a good thing." Dr. Barkley not only preaches Christian zeal but he practices it.

The "Minus Why and the Plus Why" were the topics of his next two appeals in which he pointed out the love of God and the sin of man. Sin was defined as a missing of the mark and in so doing people might shoot either above, below, or to the side. Perhaps sin cannot be understood, but neither can the majesty, the glory, and the beauty of the gospel. "For God so loved the world that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." He loves man with a love that looks throughout the universe and into the heavens. The remedies for sin were here before sin. "Where sin did abound there did grace much more abound." And where does sin not abound? Consider modern warfare today. "Sin bringeth forth death, but heed! I am come that thou might have life and have it more abundantly." The mission for the Christ was to save sinners.

On Thursday, the question "Whence We Have Come and Whether Intended" was under discussion. Christ has a function in the scheme of redemption that is tremendously important. He walked before us, he talked to us, and he died for us. The function for God, the Father, is to love and plan. One of the shames of America is the utter disregard for the Sabbath by some. The moral law is too much of a formality. It was said of Abraham Lincoln that he was so unsophisticated he did not know any more than to do the best he could for everybody. Dr. Barkley stated that "the greatest college ever known was a fishing boat with Jesus in one end and a sinner in the other."

Perhaps the two greatest meetings of the week were on Friday. In the morning, the Holy Spirit was considered, taking into account the need, the mystery, and the method of the Holy Spirit. The need of the Holy Spirit is caused by the fact that man sinned and degenerated at the first. He has now to be born anew. Too many people measure the Holy Spirit by the size, but ask a boy to measure a melon and he says "taste and see." The mystery of the spirit is no reason for not accepting. The mystery is Jesus coming with the message of life. Maybe you can't explain it but it is true, nevertheless. The author is reminded of W. J. Bryan's illustration of this point. He said, "Explain to me if you can how a red cow can eat green grass and give white milk with yellow butter in it." The method of the Holy Spirit is being born from above. The mineral kingdom may come up by some agency to the vegetable kingdom and the vegetable kingdom is brought up by the animal which is in turn born anew by the spirit of God. In the afternoon, Repentance, Conversion and Faith were made clearer to the student body. Repentance is a turning away from all that is wrong never to do it again. It frees you. Conversion is an adoption.

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"STAG" STAFF

Seeley, Editor.	Coleman.
Robinson.	Marsh.
Davies.	Boyne.
Melvin.	Holt.
Hebert.	Grimes.
D. Smith.	Warner.

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"STAGS"

How, or when, or why the word "stag" originated we know not, but we do know that the original meaning has come to be stretched considerably. The primal use of the word was in speaking of a certain kind of deer. Since then the sobriquet has been applied to nearly all sorts of various things. These various things, however, are usually dear to the hearts of the male of the species. Hence, modernly speaking, we may safely say that the word "stag" can be applied to the "dear" with the changed spelling and also keeping in mind that it belongs to men only.

A word to designate the different applications of the word. There are now approximately 000,000 different varieties of "stags," ranging anywhere from "stag editions" to "stag hotels." We need not pause here to explain the meaning of "stag edition." It speaks for itself. But before approaching the other variable perhaps we might mention some of the intermediate steps. (Don't know whether to trace back or begin back and trace ahead.) Between "stag editions" and "stag hotels" we may find "stags" in another sense, meaning just plain men. This sentence has no particular meaning until we remember that fathers are included in the list, our best gentlemen friends, and wonder of wonders—the male members of our faculty are simply called "stags" in "stag edition" language. I guess we are there! Then, of course, the "stags" must congregate in "stag clubs," "stag societies," "stag parties," "stag banquets," "stag dances," and perhaps we will be able soon to apply the name to any kind of a group of men. Individually, though they will no doubt always be called "stags," so when you, ladies, are reading the heading of this paper and find there the two words, "stag edition," remember it was all written by those stupid men who daren't call themselves men, hence the symbol "stag."

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A STAG

You have called upon me to write my biography. I feel something of a reluctance to set out upon such a great task, owing to my extreme modesty. I was born one hot Friday in late July. I am not the least superstitious about beginning on Friday. I grew so fast for a while that they put me in rubber trousers or at least I wore them and that was the only reason I could figure out.

In my early childhood, I became very much attached to the bottle. I grew indifferent, however, as I grew older until now it means nothing to me. I know little of the bottle stage, of my career, or of the succeeding early stages. I am told, however, that I had an inherent characteristics of being profane. This trait, by the help of my mother and something else, I overcame.

One of my grandfathers was an army captain; and the other, the father of the large family. My soldier granddad besides being a captain was an inveterate sailor, having managed many a schooner across the bar.

He had a bunch of stories that made the "Arabian Nights" sound like a game of checkers. He was an accomplished pokerist and had a line of stories in rapid transit up, and down the Mississippi in sixty-two and three that would make your hair stand up and waltz. According to himself, he was the best hip shot upon the big creek.

Well, in my young heart I resolved to grow up like my granddad, but the matter has resolved itself into this. If I followed the old trail, something might happen that I'd never grow up. Anyway, my granddad had an iron constitution and never drank water for fear of rusting it.

My other granddad was a New

York jeweler, but he left that town one day for some reason or other and never came back. He had a grand knowledge of how the Indians used to stack the pioneers' rooms and give them "Beta Sigma." In fact, he was well acquainted with Pioneer life, as if he had spent four years in college.

This pedigree was enough to insure a remarkable progeny. There was a flaw in the policy, I think.

Carlyle says something about working hard in order to be happy. I have always found myself happiest when I'm not working.

One thing that I remember as distinctly as a sack of water on a Freshman's dome that was the first real time that little B. V. D-less cupid shot me with a forty-two centimeter shaft. The girl of my affection was of wide experience. I learned a great deal from associating with her for six months, and when we parted, she left a lasting impression upon me.

I have related a few things relative to my career; the worse is yet to come.

FROM "THE FOOLISH DICTIONARY"

of Gideon Wurdz

A.

Accident—A condition of affairs in which presence of mind is good, but absence of body better.

Adore—From add., to annex, and ore, meaning wealth. Example, foreign nobles who marry American heiresses "adore" them.

Afterthought—A tardy sense of prudence that prompts one to try to shut his mouth about the time he has put his foot in it.

Alcohol—A liquid good for preserving almost everything except secrets.

Alphabet—A toy for children found in books, blocks, pictures and vermicelli soup. Contains 26 letters and only three syllables.

Angel—A heavenly ineligible, with wings and a harp; or, an earthly eligible with money and a heart.

Appendicitis—A modern pain costing about \$200 more than the old-fashioned stomach-ache.

Automobile—From English, ought to, and Latin moveo, to move. A vehicle which ought to move but frequently can't.

B.

Balance—Something wanted by book-keepers and often lost by toppers.

Barber—Brilliant conversationalist who occasionally shaves and cuts hair.

Bars—Things found in harbors, hotels, fences, prisons, courts and music. (Those found in courts and music are full of beats.)

Baseball—A game in which the young man who bravely strikes out for himself, receives no praise for it.

Bigamy—A form of insanity in which a man insists on paying three board bills instead of two.

Bone—A dollar—the original price of a wife. Adam had to give up one bone before he got Eve.

Broke—A word expressing the ultimate condition of one who is bent on speculating.

Bum—A fallen tough.

Bump—A tough fall.

C.

Cafe—A place where the public pays the proprietor for the privilege of tipping the waiters for something to eat.

Cannibal—A heathen hobo, who never works, but lives on other people.

Cinder—One of the first things to catch your eye in traveling.

Corset—From French, corps; meaning shape, and see meaning rough. Rough on the shape.

"DATES"

Dates are generally found in red boxes or in moving picture shows. Dates that come in boxes are always hard pressed, and therefore are two-faced. From appearances, we should judge that certain other dates have the same peculiarities.

California dates are considered best but Alma dates are good enough for us.

Florida dates usually reach a nice clean kitchen, but down town dates always end in an ice cream parlor.

Besides these kinds of dates, there are history dates, lovers' dates, county fair dates and mandates. Mandates are the kind some young girls have "with those who are older than they," with many far wiser than they." Most box dates are simply seeded raisins, while some dates present "seedy" individuals with little "raisin."

Arabs live on dates and apparently some college students are oriental to that extent.

A date with a lemon is a sour experience, but a date with a peach is

the rich "dessert" of men who are judges in "sweets."

Sunkist dates are a popular brand, but most fellows prefer to do it themselves.

STATE ORATORICAL CONTEST A BIG SUCCESS

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Hillsdale—"The Higher Unity"—Frederick Brink.

(a) Winter Song (Ballard)—Hope College Glee Club.

(a) Mandy Lou (Adams)—Hope College Glee Club.

(c) Soldiers Chorus from "Faust" (Gounod)—Hope College Glee Club.

Report of the Judges.

Notes on the Contest.

Hope knows the way to entertain. All delegates were given lodging and breakfast. And there were enough places for all, too.

The decorations were splendid, and gave the gym the appearance of a large concert hall.

Manager Wierenga handled the affair in a most creditable way. He had several efficient committees which assisted in making the contest such a great success.

Hope can surely turn out orators. Three years is some record for Hope. We hope that Lubbers will follow closely in the foot-steps of Steinegen.

Although Alma didn't make a place this year, take courage, we can try and win next year.

Hope and Kazoo have spirit for oratory, all right. It would have done many Almites good to have been at the contest if it were for no other reason than to get some oratory "pep."

The final results of the contests are as follows:

Ladies' Contest.

First place—Kalamazoo.

Second place—Hope.

Third place—M. S. N. C.

Men's Contest.

First place—Hope.

Second place—Albion.

Third place—Kalamazoo.

Alma has the state representative at the interstate convention.

At the annual meeting of the Michigan Oratorical League held in Holland, Friday morning, M. C. Davies, president of the league, and president and student of the local association, was elected to represent the state in the annual convention of the interstate league which is to be held in Carlton college, Northfield, Minnesota, on the first Friday in May.

Judges—Ladies' Contest.

E. C. Warriner, superintendent of schools, Saginaw, Michigan.

Rev. Charles Merriam, Park Congregational church, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Prof. I. J. Sharpman, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Men's Contest.

A. F. Shaw, attorney, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Prof. A. C. Brown, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.

Prof. W. A. Frayer, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

D. W. McMillan, Detroit Western High, Detroit, Michigan.

Dr. W. B. Hinsdale, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

PIONEER HALL.

An old brown brick, three-stories tall;

We like it!

The halls are low, the rooms are small;

We like it!

The floors are rough,

The stairs are steep,

The chairs are hard,

The tables cheap;

We like it!

There's noise by day and sound by night;

The rooms are never kept just right;

We like it!

Ping blows that horn,

Chet thumps that uke

From night till morn;

We like it!

Then garbage can rolls down the floor;

We like it!

And bangs against somebody's door;

We like it!

Our room is stacked,

Something is broke,

We only take it as a joke;

We like it!

Some radiator's on the blink

And gives our room an awful drink;

We like it!

Someone swipes our only light;

We swipe in turn to make it right;

Some times a sack of H2O

Comes down and hits a guy below;

We like it!

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We'll think of dear old Pioneer

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We like it!

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Who's Who and Why

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He comes out and eats, then goes back again. Shermerhorn rooms in unlucky thirteen; He has a hard time getting things through his bean. S is for Sanchez, our new business man; He is selling typewriters whenever he can. Then there's long Freddie, who says Peg is some dame, But down in his heart he is still true to Jane. T is for Trautman, who meets all the trains, Regardless of weather, he never complains. V is for Vender, he's there when we eat; As a head-waiter he's hard to be beat. V is for Van Duzen, a homely young lad; If he listens to his brother, he'll sure get in bad. W is for Warner, whose infernal chatter Would make any women's club jump up and scatter. We all look up to a man named Wright, With a mustache so black it makes coal look white. W is for Wenger, a busy bell-hop, Who scorns and scrubs and handles the mop. Gee, but I'm sleepy, and I hope you are too; You can bet that I'm mighty glad that I'm through.

An Episode In Petrograd

By ELINOR MARSH

Billy Ogiethorpe was in a casino in Petrograd where the high dignitaries of the capital were wont to "buck the tiger," and, since he had unlimited means, he won a pile of money. Sitting opposite him at the table was a very pretty woman, who was observant of Billy's winnings. Presently she said something to a man sitting near her. He arose and went out. After awhile he returned and whispered something in the lady's ear which appeared to agitate her profoundly. Then came two men who touched the lady on the shoulder. With despair written on her countenance she arose and was about to accompany the men from the casino, when she turned and cast an imploring glance at the American. Then she turned and went out with the men.

Billy hurriedly scooped together the pile before him and followed her. At the door the men put her into a carriage and before getting in themselves slipped a pair of handcuffs on her. She had just time to give Billy one appealing look when the carriage was driven away. Billy called a cab and, slipping a handful of rubles into the coachman's palm, told him to follow the carriage and on no account let it get out of his sight. Then he got in the cab.

The carriage drew up before a house that might have been a dwelling or might have contained offices. The lady was taken from the carriage and escorted between the two men into the building and the door was shut behind them.

The young American was uncertain what next to do. The Russian revolution was then on and many arrests were being made. Quite likely the lady was a revolutionist. Billy accounted for the circumstances attending her arrest as follows: While she was watching Billy win money she had been casting furtive glances at the entrance of the casino. Doubtless she was fearing arrest. She had sent the person with her out to see if there was danger. He had returned and informed her that government officials were without. This accounted for her agitation. Such was this very natural explanation of what had occurred, and Billy was satisfied with it.

He did not see that he could do anything in the matter until the next day. So he went to his hotel and to bed. But slumber did not come. He was haunted by that appealing look.

The next morning he went to the house where the woman had been taken and stood looking at it for some time. Presently the object of his interest came to a window. Billy was standing where she could not very well help noticing him. When their gaze met she gave him that same imploring look. Billy pointed to the door, meaning "Shall I enter the house?" The woman shook her head, meaning "No." Then she went away from the window, but soon returned and, folding a bit of paper, she raised the sash and dropped it on the sidewalk below. Billy crossed the street, strolled past the house and, as he did so, stooped and picked up the paper, which he read.

He was informed that the writer was implicated in the revolution and would be sent to Siberia. She would much rather be executed, she said, for not even death could be as horrible as Siberian exile. The missive closed with this statement: "Only one thing can save me—money. The police may be bribed, but, alas, it would require an enormous sum to tempt them!"

If money would save her she was as good as saved, for money was nothing to Billy. He had heard that graft pervaded all officials in Russia and was not surprised at the lady's statement. Taking his winnings of the night be-

fore, more than 50,000 rubles (\$25,000), he marched boldly up to the house where the captive was held and rang the bell. The summons was answered by one of the men who had arrested the lady. Billy tipped him the wink and was admitted. Then he said that he would pay a large price for the freedom of the prisoner. The man listened without reply till Billy offered 50,000 rubles. The man said that he must divide with many others and the sum would not go around. Billy finally closed with him for 80,000 rubles.

It was arranged that Billy was to call for the prisoner that evening in a closed carriage. She would be released, and he would pay the money. At the hour appointed Billy called. The lady, veiled, appeared at the door and, accompanied by one of her captors, went to the carriage. She raised her veil so that Billy could see her face, and Billy handed the man a roll of bills. Then the pair were driven away.

The lady's gratitude was Billy's reward. She asked to be taken to a house, where she would remain concealed till she could escape from Russia. Billy was granted permission to go there to see her the next day.

Billy made the call, but did not gain admittance. He surmised that the lady had found it expedient to change her quarters.

He did not see her again for several years. Meanwhile he had been to America and various other countries. His second meeting with her was in the Casino at Petrograd. She was betting high. Billy asked who she was. The person he asked replied with a shrug of the shoulders.

Billy concluded that he had been victimized.

Our Teachers

It may be safely said that many schools in which morals are never taught from text-books, or by formal exercises, furnish a most stimulating drill in the higher and finer moralities every day. Many of us know teachers, who, without much preaching, convey, in all their intercourse with their pupils, the influences and qualities which purify and invigorate character. A considerable acquaintance with teachers impresses me with the belief that the feeling of their responsibility for the moral welfare of their pupils, and their appreciation of the values of character, are steadily deepening among them. No profession is so sacred that shallow and self-seeking persons do not find a place in it; but I believe that as much seriousness and devotion may be found among the teachers of our common schools as among any other class of persons—the clergy not excepted.—Atlantic Monthly.

DR. BARKLEY LEADS WEEK OF RELIGIOUS INSPIRATION

(Continued from Page One.) tion into the family of God. Faith is giving your soul all in all to God. Pray not as a mere beckoning but as a glad acclaim of praise and thanksgiving that you may live a life that the grave cannot cover up, a life that is eternal.

ALPHA THETA

At the meeting of the Alpha Theta Literary society Monday evening, February 26th, a new member was initiated into the society, in the person of Katherine Waninger. Roll call was answered by present and following roll call a splendid program was given. Elizabeth Creaser read a wonderfully prepared paper on the "Life of Selma Lagerlof," the world-famed Swedish novelist. Marie De Rousie told a story by Miss Lagerlof, and Wilhelmine Ritter read another one of her stories. The society adjourned after a business meeting.

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