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Y. W. C. A. HOLD THEIR ANNUAL BANQUET

Old Officers Retire While New Ones Take Their Places.

The close of another year's activities in Y. W. C. A. was marked by the banquet on Saturday night, when the retiring president and her cabinet met with the new president and her cabinet. The manner of serving was rather original. We have heard of progressive parties before, but who ever heard of a progressive banquet? After the first two courses had been served in the dining room at Wright Hall, the party proceeded to the grill room which had been decorated in yellow and white, and here the remaining courses were served. Wilhelmine Ritter acted as toastmistress, and she brought before us again the ideals of the association which has, as its aim, the spiritual, intellectual and social development of the college girl. She quoted the old saying, "A new broom sweeps clean," and introduced Vernie Green, the new president, as the handle of the broom, and her cabinet, as the bristles. In her response, Vernie expressed the appreciation of the girls for what Wilhelmine has made the "Y. W." mean to them during the last two years. Mary De Rousie was the next to speak. In addressing the new cabinet, she spoke of them as belonging to the inner circle which needed to keep in close touch with the Great Leader in order to wisely direct the work of the various committees. Ellen Doty gave the toast from the new cabinet. She told some of the things that "Y. W." means to the girls, and especially to the new girls. Miss Robinson, as president of the Advisory Board, expressed the pleasure of being a part of Y. W. C. A. by giving her assistance whenever it was needed. As a fitting close to the evening's festivities, Wilhelmine proposed a toast to the new president and her cabinet.

At the meeting on Sunday, the new officers were formally recognized. As a part of this service each old officer and cabinet member in turn was given a candle by the president which she presented to her successor. The new president took her place and conducted the remainder of the meeting. The new officers and cabinet members are as follows:

President—Vernie Green.
Vice-president—Rowena Rose.
Secretary—Marion Cooper.
Treasurer—Edith Layer.
Social service—Beatrice Kaepfgen.
Religious meetings—Marie Doane.
Missionary—Ellen Doty.
Social—LaReine McKinney.
Decorations—Delora Bretz.
Poster—Eleanor Currie.
Ass'n news—Charlotte Hawes.
Conference—Blanche Mashin.
Bible study—Betty Wales.
Membership—Rowena Rose.

ALPHA THETA PLAY

Did you know that the members of the Alpha Theta Literary society are going to give a play? Well, that is just what they are going to do. It is a typical college play, full of laughs, life and interesting situations, as perhaps its title will suggest to you—"The Betty Wales Girls and Mr. Ridd." A most excellent cast of young women has been selected and they are working hard on it, for the play is going to be one of the big successes of the year. Friday night, March 16th, has been chosen as the date for the presentation of the play. Watch the bulletin boards for further information concerning this most interesting and entertaining coming event. The young women in the play are Hazel Tuck, Bea Koepfgen, Lulu Stone, Wilhelmine Ritter, Mildred McConkey, Marie Doane, Marie Spring, Eloise Carey, Elyn Lind and Katherine Goodwillie.

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DEBATE PROSPECTS GOOD

Prof. Hedge's Men Working Hard on Debate Questions.

Our prospects of winning both debates of the Alma-Hope-Olivet Triangular Debate league are exceptionally bright this year. Much fine material has been found in the Freshman class, which with the "Alma men of last year should turn out winning teams." The question chosen for this year is "Resolved, That with respect to immigration the United States should extend to the citizens of China and Japan the same treatment that is extended to the citizens of European nations." The debate to be held at Alma will be against Hope.

Under the direction of Professor Eedges, who is acting as coach, the squad has been meeting twice a week for the last two months. The teams have been selected with the exception of the alternates. The affirmative team consists of Melvin, Beverly, Titus and Boyne. The negative team consists of Krueger, Creaser, Burtch, and Wright.

Melvin and Burtch are members of last year's teams, the former of the negative team that won from Hope, and the latter of the affirmative team that debated with Olivet. Creaser, Krueger and Boyne are the Freshman members of the team. Creaser was a member of the Alma High School Debating club and represented the school in several interscholastic meets. Krueger comes to us highly recommended, having made the debating team of the Wendal Philips High school in Chicago. Boyne took a high place in his home town as a debator and orator. Titus and Beverly are the Senior members of the team. Titus comes to us from the Central State Normal at Mt. Pleasant and is highly recommended. Beverly was one of the best debators that Alma High school ever had. Just at present he is showing great promise. Wright represented Alma at the state oratorical contest where he proved his ability as a speaker, besides he has a natural debating style.

If the teams win, great credit will be due to Professor Hedges who has given much time and untiring effort in an attempt to turn out good teams. Now, if the school will get behind and cheer up the fellows on the squad and show that they appreciate the efforts that these fellows are making they will surely try their best to win both debates. H. B.

Prohibition oratorical contest Monday night, College Chapel.

MISS KING MARRIED

Word has been received of the marriage of Miss Frances King, to Howell Lewis Reed of Grand Rapids last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis King on State street, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. Frank Jackson of the Episcopal church.

Y. M. C. A. GOSPEL TEAMS

Last Friday afternoon, Edwin Boyne, Stanley Warner and Robert McAllister went to Sickles, near Ithaca, to engage for a couple of days in Y. M. C. A. work, together with Mr. Curtis, the Y. M. C. A. secretary for Gratiot county. On the same evening, a "community banquet" was held, and it was not one of those formal affairs you know, but one where there was little formality and a surplus supply of good eats, some indeed would make even Wright Hall "heavenly slush" look rather tame. Attorney Smith, of Ithaca, gave a fine talk to the large crowd present.

The program for Saturday consisted of a number of good games, a hike to the woods (which included a good feed around a big bonfire) and another meeting in the evening. "Stub," "Beany," "Buzz" and Mr. Curtis showed that they were yet boys and capable of doing all the stunts that could be done by the younger fellows. This was a day for the boys only.

A part of the team, assisted by Vernon Pino, spoke at the regular Sunday morning service, and then in the afternoon a men and boys' meeting was held.

"Stub" and "Buzz" are complaining of being stiff even yet as a result of Saturday's frolic, yet they feel that the work of going out to organize Y. M. C. A. groups is surely well worth while.

There are three Alma men in Sickles—Rev. Pohly, of Ashley, who is the pastor of the church; Leon Landerbach, superintendent of the Sunday school, and C. Cratzenburg, who is the leader of the new "Y" group which was organized.

Gospel Team to St. Louis.

Kennedy, Dean and Vender, assisted Rev. Gainard of the Baptist church at St. Louis over the week end in revival services.

Friday evening, Ralph Dean spoke on "Lost Opportunities." Saturday evening, Melvin Vender used for his subject "The Magnetic Power of Jesus."

At the Christian Endeavor service Sunday evening, Vender discussed "Christian Influence and Growth." Kennedy spoke at the evening service upon "Good Intentions."

In each of the services young people sought the Higher life.

The help of Mr. Perrigo and Miss Hildreth in solo, duet and chorus work added much to the interest and results of the meeting.

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Anxious Mother—Young Millynus seems to be quite friendly with you of late. Do you know what his intentions are?

Pretty Daughter—No, and I don't care; but I know what mine are.—Indianapolis Star.

GLEE CLUB TO TOUR

Alma College Men's Glee Club Will Tour During Spring Vacation.

The Alma college Glee club will make its annual spring tour during the spring vacation of the college and will visit fourteen towns and cities, giving Alma college some of the best of advertising, and at the same time endeavoring to please seventeen audiences.

The club will be on the road three Sundays during the trip and each of the Sunday dates will be the same as the date of the previous day. Following the trip through the state the club will appear at St. Louis, Ithaca and Alma.

The club this year is one of the best that the college has ever had and at a recent appearance in Detroit it was warmly greeted.

ANNUAL PROHIBITION CONTEST

During the past year the Prohibition League of the College has gained no small degree of popularity. This has been seen not alone in the college but throughout the county. Much was done under the direction of the league to "make Gratiot dry," and this fact has not been forgotten.

After the adjournment of the societies on Monday evening, March 12th, the annual prohibition contest will be held to choose a representative for the state contest. Each society will be expected to attend in a body and to support the fellows who are to compete.

The contestants who have fully determined to enter are Payn, Johnston, Hoolihan and Perrigo.

The contest promises to be "snappy" and every student should manifest an interest by being present.

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Y. M. C. A. ELECTION

At a meeting of the Y. M. C. A., held last Friday morning at the college chapel, the following men were chosen as officers for the organization for the ensuing year: Melvin R. Vender, president; Clinton Seeley, vice-president; Floyd Krueger, secretary and treasurer. The men selected are among the best in school and under their leadership the "Y" ought to be a most important factor in the lives of the college and student body. Let all the men get back of the "Y" and if each one will do his part, then it must be successful. The retiring officers are Chester R. Robinson, president; Earl Coleman, vice-president; Linton Melvin, secretary and treasurer.

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Coast Guard—Better not go in here, Miss. There's a man-eating shark around.

The Miss—Oh, dear! Do you think—er—do you think he would bother women?—Ex.

ALMA'S PROSPECTS IN BASEBALL AND TRACK

Good Men in the Two Sports Make Outlook Bright.

With the close of the basket ball tonight, Coach Harry Helmer is planning on getting his base ball candidates all out for daily workouts in the College gymnasium and is in hopes of being able to round out a good team to represent the Maroon and Cream this year.

The Alma Mentor will have ten veterans to start the year with, men who have played for the most part, more than one year of college base ball, and are fairly capable players. Among this list is the trio of twirlers that has held sway for the past two seasons, Captain Depew, Johnston and French. Depew and Johnston are southpaw artists and French a right hander.

The Coach is in hopes of being able to find a few budding stars among the "freshies," who will be able to patch up the couple vacant positions on the team and possibly to strengthen a couple of other positions on the nine.

Rumor says that when the practice gets well under way that Helmer will be able to locate a number of classy men among the freshmen, who will make strong bids for the team, and some even go so far as to predict that Alma college will have one of the best base ball teams in years.

Mr. Helmer will work this year to keep his pitchers in the best of shape. Last season the team gave the pitchers a number of runs, but inability to keep the opposing teams from battering the Alma twirlers kept Alma from winning a number of games. Alma resembled the Detroit Tigers in this respect. Heavy hitting doesn't always count, when pitchers are not in shape to pitch the best kind of base ball, and this will be the brand that Helmer will insist upon.

The Alma college track team this spring should be a fair aggregation, and may possibly work into a bunch of master artists that Alma can well be proud to claim as her own. It might be that the days of 1912, 1913 and 1914 are to return to Alma college again, and that Alma college will be in the fight for the championship title at the Michigan intercollegiate meet June 1st and 2nd.

This latter is rather a remote possibility, judging from the present outlook, as both Kalamazoo college and Hillsdale have veteran teams that must be conceded about twenty points before the meet takes place. Hillsdale won the meet last year with the highest score ever rolled up in the M. I. A. A. and will have practically the same team she had last year, so the Maroon and Cream warriors will have their work cut out to get Alma placed at the top of the heap.

Alma has some good track timber, however. Coleman, who will captain the track team, should be able to aid Alma with a point or so in the distance runs. Coleman was the only Alma man to bring back a whole point to his credit from the M. I. A. A. classic last year and hence was elected as captain of the 1917 team.

The return of "Dig" Gallagher has given Alma one track man that is a star of the first water. Gallagher in his years at Alma college, previous to his invasion of Colgate in the east, had a habit of running round loose, and bringing Alma college about a dozen points in every meet in which he was entered. At his last M. I. A. A. meet he was the individual scorer, bringing eleven and a fraction points to the Maroon and Cream. Gallagher's long suit is the distance runs and he can go a few around the cinder paths. This year with good training Gallagher should outdo all previous efforts and bring still more points to Alma college. The track fans will be looking for Gallagher to do just this thing too. He runs the half, the mile and the two miles, and tops this off by hitting up a quarter mile in the relay race. Two years ago he was a member of the relay team which broke the M. I. A. A. relay record to pieces. Two years ago Gallagher was elected captain of the team of 1916, but was not in college here last year.

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Have you any suggestions for Campus Day? Our attention was called to this important day in the college calendar by the President in a recent chapel talk, and what are we going to do about it? Last year such a day was celebrated by both the students and the faculty, donning their overalls and old dresses and cleaning up around the campus. This was what happened in the morning, and indeed a good lot of work was accomplished. Then in the afternoon there was a baseball game. However, can we not carry out some other plan for our Campus Day? There are many ideal ways of spending this day, so let us get our "thinkers" busy, and get some original or borrowed suggestions. They may be handed in to the office or published in the "Almanian."

THE VALUE OF FRIENDSHIP

Today, when war is most prevalent, strife is cast abroad like chaff driven by the wind; and sorrow and misery are abounding everywhere, this great virtue, Friendship, seems almost entirely hidden from view.

The results of hatred are inconceivable. This terrible and fearful war which is devastating Europe, slaying men by the thousands, making innumerable homes fatherless, is the result of the opposite force of friendship. The murders which are committed; the divorces which are granted; and the vast number of crimes which are performed, may all be traced to this same source, hatred.

But Friendship is a virtue, rare yet powerful. This is a force which gains in momentum as it takes its course. It is like the little brooklet, rippling lightly down the mountain side, now running smoothly, now tumbling over rough stones and falls, winding its way through marsh and wood until at last it finds the sea, and is flowing with such a force and velocity that no human force can stop it. So it is with Friendship. It courses its way over rough and smooth roads, continuing through the hardships of life, when disaster and discouragements seem victorious, when misfortune appears and failure surrounds, until at last it rushes on like a mighty torrent, sweeping all cares and difficulties before its terrific force.

Friendship is like a strong well-rooted oak tree. A tree which is able to withstand the severest of storms; to live throughout life. Yet how scarce are these "Oaks of Friendship." How seldom we make friends. Friends in the very truest sense of the word. "This golden friendship is not a common thing to be picked up in the street. It would not be worth much if it were." Some one has well written. The Friendship is like wisdom. It must be sought as seeking for hidden treasures, and when it is found, it demands great care and attention. One says, "To think every goose a swan, that every new comrade is a man of your own heart, is to have a very shallow heart." The man who wears Friendship up his sleeves is, after all, of very little use in the world. True, some men have a genius for friendship, and most men make friends easily, but few have the ability to keep them. They forget that Friendship is an expensive gift; that one must be willing to be open, responsive and unselfish; yes, and even inconvenience himself for his friends.

How sad and pitiable is the plight of the man who has no friends. He has not learned to live, for "he who has learned to love and he only has learned to live."

Friendship is one of the greatest problems of life itself, and yet there are so many people who have never attempted to solve it. Nevertheless, as long as these people continue to be selfish, unsympathetic, and uninterested in their fellow-men, they will not live. Who wants a person for a friend who is only looking after his own interests, passing heedlessly by any unfortunate one? Or who wants a man for a friend who is afraid to open his mouth when it is filled with laughter and merriment? Or who wants a friend who is nice now and the opposite later? Yet, there are such men and women in our very midst.

Again, there are those who can easily pose as friends, or they may be called, if the adjective may be applied, hypocritical friends. The parasites who live on the victim's money as long as he has it, and as soon as it is gone, they too, are minus quantities.

What are the values of a true friend? a friend who is ready at all times to help and give aid. Friends, according to the original meaning, are those who delight in one another's companionship. The ties of love are snapped most easily among evil people because of the continual suspicious and criminal spirit which exists, and how does it exist between well meaning people where it is used to bless, benefit and strengthen them? A person sees his faults if he has a true friend because of the frank and sympathetic intercourse, thus they unfold to one another their similarities and differences. Again, how the unused faculties and natural gifts become awakened when real friends meet. There is where the better human nature has been aroused; there is where the tenderness and brotherliness of man has been enlarged.

There are many times when the sincerity of a friend may be tried, but it is when calamity comes that the steadfastness of the friend is truly proved. When everything seems to have gone wrong, and the world seems to have turned against one, then it is that fake friends make excuses and go; lip friends have lapped into silence, and then we begin to discover our friends.

If we are fortunate enough to have a few true friends let us do our part to keep them. Let us take care that no small disturbances will arise and cause a break, for it is well to remember "that a brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city."

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NORMALS WIN

Maroon and Cream Found the Going Rough at Ypsi.

The Alma college basket ball team closed the season last week Thursday night with the scheduled game with the Michigan State Normal at Ypsilanti, which the locals dropped by a score of 47 to 17, Alma being out-classed completely in the return game with the Teachers.

The Alma team was not at its best for this game. A game the night before with Olivet had been cancelled and feeling sure that they could go down to defeat in the final game of the season the local players did not get into the game any too full of vim and pep. This probably accounts for a part of the score that the Teachers rolled up on the Maroon and Cream.

During the first half, Alma put up a fair game and Ypsi could only score about two points to one for the locals, but in the second session Rynearson and Dunn cut loose with a number of long baskets that rapidly increased the lead that the Teachers had at the opening of the session. Rynearson and Dunn also slipped in behind the Alma guards on several occasions and counted field baskets that should not have been, had the Alma guards been on the job every minute of the game.

The work of the Ypsilanti Normal guards also proved one of the features from the Teachers' point of view. The Alma forwards could do little with the speedy Ypsi guards, who were piled on top of the Alma forwards at every stage of the game. Smith could secure only one basket and Gallagher could score only twice from the field.

Gallagher's foul shooting was the only redeeming feature of the game from the point of view of the Maroon and Cream. The Alma forward dropped seven fouls into the basket out of eleven chances, and with his two field baskets scored over half of the points made by the locals in the closing bout of the season.

Lineup and summary:
Ypsilanti, 47. Pos. Alma, 17.
RynearsonL. F.....Smith
Shadford, Powers ..R. F... Gallagher
Dunn.....C. E. Foote
Edwards.....L. G.....Richards
Lawler.....R. G.....French
Field baskets—Rynearson, 11;
Dunn, 9; Lawler, 21. Gallagher, 2;
E. Foote, 2; Smith, 5.
Fouls—Gallagher, 7 out of 11.
Rynearson, 5 out of 10.

Score first half—Ypsilanti, 18; Alma, 9.
Referee—Joseph, Ann Arbor.

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Caller—That new girl of yours seems nice and quiet.
Hostess—Oh, very quiet! She doesn't even disturb the dust when she's cleaning the room.—Boston Transcript.

SMITH LEADS TEAM

Star Alma Athlete Will Captain Basket Ball Five.

Malcolm Smith of this city has been honored by being chosen as captain of the Alma college basket ball team for the season of 1917-18, and the expectations are that he will lead the best basket ball five that has ever represented the Maroon and Cream in the great court game.

At the election held on Monday of this week, Smith was given almost a unanimous vote by the seven men eligible to vote—those who will receive the basket ball letter. The vote shows that he is recognized by his fellow teammates as one of the best men on the team.

Malcolm Smith is a Sophomore in college, and so far the Alma Midget has played on every team in every branch of sport since he entered college. He is recognized as one of the best all around athletes in Alma college.

ZETA SIGMA

The best debate of the year on the intercollegiate question was held at this meeting. Hicks, Wright and Creaser upheld the affirmative, while Blair, Fitch and Wright held down the negative. It soon resolved itself into a chewing match between Creaser and "Judge" Wright in which Creaser came out on top and the affirmative was given the decision. "The History of the Republic Truck Factory" was the title of a talk by Don Smith. He told of the growth of the plant from a \$50,000 one to one of \$5,000,000; from an output of ten trucks a month to thirteen hundred; from a payroll of fifteen to one of thirteen hundred. He concluded his talk by reading an autobiography of a truck.

ALPHA THETA

One of the most enjoyable meetings of the Alpha Theta Literary society was held Monday evening, March 5, 1917. Roll call was answered by quotations from famous humorists. Ruth Boer read a most interesting paper on the "Life and Characteristics of O'Henry," and Ruth Hooper read one of his stories to the society to illustrate Miss Boer's paper. Lulu Stone sang a delightful song. A short business meeting was held, after which the society adjourned, and refreshments were served. The play, which the society is to give, was one of the main discussions at the business meeting.

PHI PHI ALPHA

A debate upon the question, "Resolved, That the United States government should own and operate the telephone and telegraph lines of this country," made up the program for Monday evening, March 5th. The affirmative side of the question was put forth by "Daniel Webster" Case, "Patrick Henry" Sanchez and "Edmund Burke" Cole. "Stephen Douglas" Jackson, "Wendell Phillips" Martin and "Marc Anthony" Bryce upheld the negative. The judges rendered a unanimous decision in favor of the affirmative.

The critic's report was given by Vender.

FROEBEL

A regular meeting of the Froebel society was held on March 5th. Roll call was answered to by the name of one of Bernard Shaw's works and after a short business meeting, his life and works were discussed by Miss Nina Ressigie. The topic was treated completely and with much interest.

Nurse—Oh, dear, ma'am, the baby has just swallowed that whole paper of tacks!

Mrs. Suffrage—How unfortunate! Now I will be obliged to put up all those suffrage posters with glue!—Puck.

"She married a printer, now she wants a divorce."

"Ah, I see—she made a typographical error."—Florida Times-Union.

(Scene: A London police court.)
Magistrate—You say he hit you?
Wife—Yes, sorr.
Magistrate—What did he hit you with?
Wife—A motty, sorr.
Magistrate—A motty?
Wife—Yes, sorr.
Magistrate—What is a motty?
Wife—One of them things that sea "God Bless Our Home" on it, sorr.—Ex.

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Alumni Round Table

Where we are and what we are doing

East Jordan, Feb. 24, 1917.

Dear Editor:—

I wonder if all of the old Almates look forward to their "Almanian" as I do. I wonder if they all hurry down to the village post office, turn the lock box to 15-18, pull out the old college paper with a smile, sneak up to their \$1.50 a week room and read every word of it—and finally end up by pitching into the farthest corner—admitting that it's a "good little paper," but a mighty poor substitute for the real life—the life you would give half of your month's salary to live over again for a day. Jest, sir—see—just that. We used to think we were killed—tied down to a bunch of unreasonable good-for-nothing rules—both written and unwritten—made by an unreasonable, ever vigilent faculty—(bless their hearts). You are smiling—well, smile on—only your time is coming—wait and see. Wait until you have thirty or forty "young ideas," looking to you for enlightenment every day, and you are trying to convince them that "pigs is pigs" and you're the goat! You just wait. And many times when you are letting yourself in with your latch key at eleven forty-five you will think of those nine forty-five once a week nights, when it was a crime to make a person come home. And again, when you are sitting down to a pork roast, mince pie dinner at your \$4.00 a week boarding house, you will think of the "good old days of salad and tea or milk.

There is a birthday in your school room, and the children insist on singing "Happy Birthday, Dear Willie," and you sing with them; only you sing "Jakie" under your breath and forget all about Willie for a minute.

Downstairs, in the "best" parlor someone starts to play "Jingle Bells" and you jam on your hat and "beat it" slamming the door after you—and even that reminds you of Bess Brown. Why—hang it—you can't turn around but what something spells "Alma" in red letters.

Then "Eck" comes over from Charlevoix to a teachers' institute and we talk—O—how we would talk. Then we go over to the school and round up Harry Craig, Margaret Allen, Lydia Malpas and Jennie Waterman, and "Eck" and I—that makes six—and then just take it from all of us—there is some excitement.

There's nothing like meeting some of the old bunch again and talking it over.

Be glad that you are right with that old bunch, instead of accidentally running with them once a year or so, at a teachers' institute, or a quartet trip, or something.

My best wishes to everybody.
Sincerely,

RUTH.

REV. J. E. WEBBER, '05.

The following is from a Northville newspaper:

"Greatly to the regret of many Northville people, besides his own congregation, Rev. J. E. Webber of the Presbyterian church has resigned his pastorate here to accept a unanimous call to the Royal Oak church of that denomination.

"During his four years' incumbency Mr. Webber has, by his unmistakable sincerity, his active community spirit, admirable personal character and more than ordinary intellectual ability, won universal respect, and has so endeared himself to his own parishioners that they regard with acute sorrow the necessity of parting with him. A large increase in the church membership, improved methods of administration and many other things testify to the success of Mr. Webber's pastoral work here.

"No less regret is felt because of the impending departure of his accomplished wife. Rarely, if ever, has a pastor's wife so won the hearts of all. Mrs. Webber will not only be missed in every department of the church work in which she has so ably led and assisted, but as a member of the Northville Woman's club where her versatile attainments and mental gifts have given her high place.

"Mr. Webber's resignation is to take effect March 15th. His only reason for leaving Northville is that he feels

he can do more good in his chosen work in the newer and wider field thus offered. Personally, both Mr. and Mrs. Webber are greatly attached to Northville and its people and the severing of their relations with this place will be just as hard for them as for the friends they leave."

Jerome E. Webber, an alumnus of Alma college, was graduated from Alma academy. He attended Alma college from 1899-1905, graduating from the science department in 1905. He was member of Zeta Sigma and the Y. M. C. A. and also took an active part in basket ball, base ball and debate. Reverend Webber also attended McCormick Seminary. In 1908, he married Ida Champion. The Reverend and Mrs. Webber have one child, Jerome E. Webber, Jr. Since leaving Alma, Mr. Webber has had the position of the secretarship of the Y. M. C. A. at M. A. C., the pastarship of the secretary of the Y. M. the pastarship of the Northville Presbyterian church. "The rapid growth of Royal Oak makes this one of the most promising fields in the Synod of Michigan."

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ALMA AT LOS ANGELES

"Though sundered far, yet still they meet

in sunny park and business street."

They are usually as far apart as the fresh-water-lakes and the Pacific ocean, but they occasionally meet in Los Angeles. They are loyal sons and daughters of Alma college. They show that a small college can span a continent. It was in Exposition Park I was standing in front of a large skeleton of an elephant, dating back to prehistoric time, some one tapped me on the shoulder and a voice said, "Why, Doctor Bruske." The immediate response was, "Why, Mr. Toner."

Sure enough, neither was mistaken. It was the meeting of two satellites of Alma in Los Angeles. Mr. Toner was among the very early graduates, who has since done good work in the ministry and in business. He is the same genial, happy and hearty man that the old students remember with so much pleasure.

In one of the beautiful bungalows of the western part of the city, lives Miss Kate Bassett. She also belongs to the Alma family of the early days. She was a kindergarten graduate of the days of Miss Ross, since then she has been teacher and organizer of kindergartens in Saginaw, government teacher in the Philippines, traveler around the world three times and is now a successful business woman in a great city.

Miss Edna Yyman is of a later day. She came to Alma from California, when the good name of our college had been proclaimed as far as the Pacific ocean. She honored California in Alma and ever since then she has honored Alma in California. In her beautiful home in Bonnie Brae street she is ready to welcome all the lovers of Alma.


Under the roof of a sky-scraper, in the heart of the city, there is a bank. Behind the counter and beyond the wired railing there is a face round as the moon and radiant as the sun. There is no mistaking it. It is the face of young Slayton. He of Tecumseh, who reached Alma in the companionship of the famous quartette from the same church. They sang when they didn't laugh and laughed when they didn't sing. Sometimes they did both, but with indifferent success. Well, here is the same Slayton, still laughing and singing, and developing into one of the strong business men of the west. Rumor has it that he is to strengthen himself still further soon by adding unto himself a wife.

And what shall I more say of Clara Booth and Miss Peters and so many others that I have not yet seen? They are here and they are glorifying Alma, and they should unite into the Alma College Association of Los Angeles, extending a fraternal hand to those in Detroit, Chicago and New York.

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The following lines were found in the pile of Freshmen themes, which were handed in to Miss Roberts. Yes, he's good from the country too.

I can't write a theme today I guess my head won't work that way.

It's funny to me that all the time The thing that runs thru my head is rhyme.

One day I went to a county fair, And there were thousands of people there.

You could look most anywhere in town, And see crowds of people standin' round.

Say, you ought to have been on the groun's, Of all the noises and all the soun's.

There was hens a cacklin', roosters crowin', And sheep a blattin' and cattle lowin'.

The mares were neighin', and colts a callin'. Over'n a corner some calves were bawlin'.

Some pigs were squealin' and some a gruntin', And everything there was doin' somp'in'.

A man in a ring was a tearin' about, And shoutin', "Bring those horses out!"

Filly or geldin', either one will do, We'll see which one will get the blue."

And the races, Gee, that was a sight, The horses a goin' with all their might,

They seemed to fairly fly thru the air. That 'as the best sight of the whole blamed fair.

Over'n a corner 'as a hamburger satnd. A makin' sandwiches to beat a band.

I'll tell you fellows they 'as fine, If every one 'as like that'n a mine. Say, have any of you people been to a tub?

If you haven't I'll tell ye, you want to go there. It's about as much fun as ever I found.

Just a watchin' and lookin' and standin' round.

THE Omena INDIANS

Editors' Note—The following article was enclosed in letter from Mr. Anderson of Omena:

In 1834, the Board of Foreign Missions sent the Rev. Peter Dougherty to preach the gospel to the Indians of the Grand Traverse Bay region. He found them living in tepees of skin and bark and utterly destitute in many ways. He labored so faithfully that he succeeded in getting them to make a beginning in building rough houses and to live in a more civilized manner. It was thought best later to move from the mission peninsula to the west shore of the bay and build a school on the peninsula that was to be known as Omena.

At Omena a school was built and the Board maintained a school and farm, where many of the older Indians now living have received what education they now have. The old school building still stands on an orchard planted by the Indians, but has now been razed and is used as a summer house.

Mr. Dougherty remained until 1877, and then the Board closed the work and abandoned the school and sold the property. Since then there has been no resident minister. Various members of Presbytery have occasionally visited the field and preached through an interpreter. Rev. John Redpath has been their faithful friend and counselor, giving them occasional services through the winter months, and they have had some student supplies in the summer.

For the last six or seven years the services have been less frequent, but the Indians have persistently kept up a Sabbath school and a weekly prayer meeting.

Mrs. N. C. Morgan, of Omena, for the last ten years has been greatly interested in their behalf and has been of great help in widely different ways.

A late partial survey discloses 500 Indians within a radius of three and a half miles of the Omena church and nearly 600 in the county. They pathetically ask not to be forgotten, but that they be helped in securing a resident minister.

As this is the only work among the Indians in the Synod of Michigan, it would seem nothing short of a crime to turn a deaf ear to their appeal.

They should have a minister, and it will be necessary to build a manse for him to live in. A magnificent opportunity is afforded to begin a community work that will be of inestimable help in the uplift of these people.

Though without regular preaching service for many years, the Indians have maintained a thriving Sunday school, which is counted one of the best in the county.

The old, gray-haired grandfathers and grandmothers are here, and all ages, down to the babies. Only one or two white women are helpers in the school; all the rest are Indians. The boys and girls have dark skins, bright, black eyes and straight, black hair and are just as bright and fun-loving as any of the white boys and girls.

When the white missionary comes to visit this church, he has to talk through an interpreter. The boys and girls who attend public schools can understand English pretty well, but their parents can understand only a little. So the missionary stands on one side of the pulpit and the Indian elder on the other. We have many common words which are not in the Indian language at all, and the missionary must talk slowly and simply and, sentence by sentence, the interpreter repeats after him what he says. The adult class in the Sabbath school is taught in the same way.

They are very appreciative, and listen, old and young, with a grave and serious interest which might well be copied in our American schools.

Rev. J. M. Rogers is in charge of this new Indian work. He may be addressed at Omena, Michigan, and will be glad to correspond with any who may desire to possess further information or make a special gift to this work.

EXCHANGES

Harvard is to erect a memorial to the nineteen Harvard men who have been killed in the European war. Four hundred and seventeen alumni and undergraduates of that institution have either enlisted in the armies or taken up relief work abroad since August, 1914.—Ex.

The men's fraternities of the University of Chicago will contend against each other in a series of three tournaments. A track meet, swimming contests, and bowling tournaments, are the events as scheduled. Eighteen fraternities will compete and keen rivalry is expected.—Ex.

Negotiations between Pennsylvania and Cornell have been completed to have news transported between the two universities by wireless. The Wireless club received the score of the Penn-Cornell basket ball game recently and it is expected this will save much telegraphing expense.—Ex.

Prohibition oratorical contest Monday night, College Chapel.

ALMA'S PROSPECTS IN BASE BALL AND TRACK

(Continued from Page One.) Malcom Smith, Hoolihan and possibly Norman Smith can help to pull points for Alma in the dasher. Smith and Hoolihan are exceptionally good in the short runs and these two at least may be depended upon to do something. Smith also should give Alma points in the pole vault.

French is another veteran who may be able to help some. French brought in a half point in the weights last year as did Richards. Both will take another crack at them this year.

Coach Helmer will be forced to dig up a few luminaries, who will shine brightly this year. Alma must stage a comeback in track after last year. Let's show the M. I. A. that Alma isn't quite a dead one. Everyone come out and try to do something. Possibly you can, and possibly not, but no one ever did anything without trying. So try.

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