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Alpha Theta Play Thursday Night, March 22, College Chapel

PHILO-PHI HONOR

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Party Held in the Girls' Sorority Hall Greatly Enjoyed by Those Present.

The Philomathean St. Patrick's party was all that could be hoped for from a Phi Phi Alpha point of view and the great things expected were realized.

At seven-thirty the Phi's began to invade the Philo hall, but not until every man had knelt and kissed the "Blarney" stone, which was well hidden under pine boughs and only when "Paddy" had successfully kissed the stone he was permitted to enter and watch his fellow sufferers as they kissed the stone. After that we beheld the verdantly decorated room which, with banners, pictures and innumerable green shamrocks, had been made very bewitching.

When every one had arrived we were promptly lined up in two lines facing each other. While in this position each one had a biological name (the like of which would baffle even Doctor MacCurdy) pinned upon his or her back. A great scramble then ensued in which each tried to get the name of his neighbor without having his own seen. Finlayson showed his superior biological knowledge by getting the most names correctly spelled, and as a prize he was given a small clay pipe.

We were now told to hunt for shamrocks which we were told, could be found anywhere. There was a mad rush to see who could kick up the most rugs, take the most cushions out of chairs and throw the most pillows around and eventually find the most shamrocks. Each shamrock was marked either with an "S" or a "G," probably indicating sheep and goats, and those who found the most with "S" on them were placed in one group and those who had the most of "G's" made up another group. A stunt party followed in which the "S's" very picturesquely presented a part of "Uncle Tom's Cabin." The "G's," led by "Hon." Carl Titus, who knows how, gave a minstrel show. And because of the success of "McNamara's" band was awarded the prize.

To allow the "S's" to even the count, a potatoe race, in which real potatoes were used, followed. There were many collisions and not a few tumbles. Thanks to the ingenuity and large pockets of "Mel" the "S's" won.

Dishes of soap suds were now brought in and after each one had secured a pipe the room bubbled over with fun. Green caps were later distributed (not of the Freshman variety, however), and each cap bore name of an Irish family and the crowd began to assemble in family groups—Machrees, O'Briens, MacCarties, McBrides, and so forth.

When the groups were settled in their respective places, the eats were brought in. And oh! such eats. The Philos surely know a fellow's greatest weakness. There were chicken sandwiches, date sandwiches, pickles, coffee and pumpkin pie with whipped cream. It was soon ten twenty-five and "Biscuits" had to get a picture. We were all grouped and waited for the flash when the Dean's faithful bell warned us that it was ten thirty. After an exchange of yells we passed out over the "Blarney" stone, declaring that we could never forget the good fellowship and the good time of the Saint Patrick's day party.

"Fred is joining the Eighteenth Hussars."

"How jolly! Ernest is in the Nineteenth, so they will be next to each other."—London Notes.

GLEE CLUB TRIP

Best Tour in Years Has Been Arranged.

The Alma college Glee club starts on its annual spring trip on Friday, March 23rd. The club has been working hard for the past month, perfecting the new program. Since so many return dates were asked on our last year's trip an entire change of program was necessary this year. Although only five new men are on the club yet the change in program has made necessary a good deal of hard work. The first official concert will be given Tuesday night in Wheelr. Mr. Carl Street will officiate. Wednesday night, St. Louis will listen. The club will leave Alma Friday on the 1:57 train for Stanton where a concert will be given that night.

For the benefit of the inhabitants of Wright Hall and to save the men the trouble of making individual lists, a schedule of places and dates will be found in this issue. Note—Please send all mail at least two days ahead of the schedule to avoid any misconnections. Also please address in "care of the Glee club." It will not be necessary to put "Personal" on the letters, because the business manager will open only business mail. To allay all apprehension we can say definitely that the club will not sing in Belding this year.

The trip this year includes more fair sized cities than ever before and will be one of the most enjoyable, at least for the Freshman. At the present writing we are not able to publish the name of the man receiving the honorary office of the club, namely, that of Property Manager. He has not been elected yet for plenty of deliberation must be exercised in the selection. Without question a man fully equipped for the office will be chosen.

A new feature of the program this year will be the electrical specialty by Professor Beshgetoor. It will make a sensation and it may even produce a shock. Don't miss seeing it at the home concert. The club will give its entertainment in Alma on Friday night, April 20th. Every student ought to be there. Come and bring your friends. Don't forget the date.

Itinerary:
March 20—Wheeler.
March 21—St. Louis.
March 23—Stanton.
March 24—Greenville.
March 25—Greenville.
March 26—St. Johns.
March 27—Ionia.
March 28—Grand Ledge.
March 29—Hastings.
March 30—Plainwell.
April 1—Niles.
April 2—Niles.
April 2—Kalamazoo.
April 3—Battle Creek.
April 4—Ithaca.
April 20—Alma.

PHILOMATHEAN

At the regular meeting of Philomathean Monday evening, three new members, Hazel Shenkel, Zoa Wheaton and Hulda Ward, were initiated. After the initiation a delightful musical program was enjoyed. Lillian Hildreth sang "Sunbeams," by R. H. Elkin, and "Japanese Maiden," from the operette, "The Toy Shop." Blanche Mashin played two piano solos, "Hummereske" and "The Gipsy Mazurka," after which the society adjourned to enjoy a social half hour.

PHI PHI ALPHA

Two of Robert W. Service's poems, "Athabaska Dick" and "The Quitter," were read by Clare Perrigo. Those responding to impromptu speeches were Carl Street, Alton Case, McKinley Payn and Emberson Ardis.

Hartzell Lyon was initiated into the society at this meeting of March 12th.

ALMA'S BASE BALL

PROSPECTS LOOK BRIGHT

Many Men Out, But Hard Work is Necessary Before a First Class Will Appear.

Prospects for a good base ball team this year at Alma college are excellent, judging from the early season reports of what the candidates for the team are doing in the Alma college gymnasium. If all reports are true Alma will have a team this year that will be up in running fighting for the leadership of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic association.

Coach Helmer has a big bunch of men working out daily, and after a couple of weeks of easy work the men are getting down to a hard grind that is sure to be productive of results. Coach Helmer had been hoping to be able to get his men outside on the green before vacation but the snow storm of the first of the week seems to preclude a possibility of the men getting outside. Immediately after the vacation the men will get outside for a week of hard work before the opening game of the season.

Ten old men are on hand to start the season with, and besides there are a number of new comers who are sure to wage a merry warfare for positions on the nine. The ten old men that Coach Harry Helmer has on hand to start with are Captain Depew of Caro, Ex-captain Johnston of Yale, French of Coleman, Fitch of Marlette, Hebert of Detroit, Malcolm Smith of Alma, Vender of Bad Axe, N. Smith of Marlette, Ardis of McBain and

This bunch gives Coach Helmer three twirlers, these being Depew, Johnston and French. Fitch and Ardis are both capable catchers, and Hebert and M. Smith are both crack infielders. Vender, N. Smith and Ardis are outfielders and the entire bunch of "vets" have had considerable experience in these positions.

Among the new men, who are out and showing class are Simmenton and Boyne of Marlette; Hoolihan, the ex-Normal star; Seig, a catcher from Detroit Northwestern high, and Lott of Ithaca, also a catcher. At least three other men will be out for the team, who are rated as good base ball timber. Barabou of Grand Ledge, a brother of the former University of Michigan twirler, and himself a pitcher no mean ability! Payn of Howell and Ed. Foote of Grand Ledge, the latter rated as a capable first sacker.

Of the above men Simmenton of Marlette, is a brother of the former star third sacker, Art Simmenton. "Kid" Simmenton, is rated by those who know him, as a better third sacker than his brother, which means considerable if the youngster holds up to his brother's "rep" Boyne, the other Marlette lad is a pitcher and is said to be a man of class. He has shown some good stuff in working out in the gymnasium and the chances are that Helmer will give him a chance to do some heaving this season.

Hoolihan as a ball player needs little or no discussion. His capabilities are well known around Alma. He is a good athlete, and excels in the spring sport. He can play almost any position, but will probably hold down an outfield job on the team this spring, as immediately after the close of college in June, the former Normal star will try out for an outfield job in the Central league. Hoolihan is fast, a good hitter, a fine base runner, and a clever fielder. He will greatly strengthen the team.

Seig and Lott, both catchers, have a chance to work into positions on the nine, as good men are always in demand. Seig is said to be working out in great shape and he may be able to take the understudy job to Catcher Fitch. Ed. Foote, Barabou and Payne have been out little or not at all so far, and not much of a line can be secured on these men at present. Should Barabou show anything like his brother, who held down a position at Michigan for a few years, he will

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DEBATERS CHOSEN.

Two Members of Last Year's Team and Four New Men.

Professor Hedges, the coach in debating, announced his men who will represent Alma in the coming Triangle debate, which is to be held on the first Friday after school starts after the spring vacation, April 13th. Alma will be represented by Linton Melvin, captain, a member of last year's successful negative team which won from Hope; Carl Titus and Efford Beverly with Edwin Boyne as alternate on the affirmative, and these men will debate at home against the Hopeites. The visitor promise to send a crack set of debaters and the Alma men will have to work hard in order to come out victorious. The negative team, which will debate at Olivet, is comprised of Howard Burtch, captain, who debated against the same team on the home floor last year; Floyd Krueger and Thomas W. Wright with Charles Creaser as alternate. This team headed by Burtch is after a victory from Olivet so that things may be evened up from last year's argument.

With these men on the platform, Alma stands a pretty good chance for a double victory, but every man must work, and he must receive the support of the whole college.

PRAYER MEETING

The theme for discussion in last Wednesday night's prayer meeting was "Fellowship With Christ." The text was taken from John 1:3. A number of interesting facts were brought out during the meeting.

The discussion showed that each one of us must have fellowship with Christ if he is to experience a triumphant Christian life. Today, as well as ever, every sphere of human activity is being touched by Christ Jesus. He is the universal point of contact. He is both a man of sorrow; and a man of happiness. He relates Himself to joy as well as to every task. Christ is an all-round man, a man of affairs; and when the right conception of Christ's manliness is more fully developed in men's minds then the Kingdom of God will more fully come in the hearts of men. We must commune with Christ in our joys as well as our sufferings. As Paul says, "That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His suffering."

The meeting was led by McKinley Payn. The discussion clearly showed that the prayer meetings, which are held every Wednesday night in the chapel, are not for the leader alone. The manner in which those in attendance responded to the subject for the evening developed the meeting and proves that these meetings are for the student body of the college. Let us, when possible, boost the prayer meetings by our attendance.

ENTERTAIN AT MASONIC HOME

Last Wednesday afternoon, the girls of the Sophomore and Freshman gymnasium classes under the instruction of Miss Hodgson went to the Masonic Home and gave an exhibition of their work before the old folks who are always so glad to see any of the college people. The girls gave two dances, a number of Indian club drills and several arm drills. They did excellent work and greatly pleased the audience. Such work is very much appreciated by the inmates.

FROEBEL

Froebel society met on Monday, March 12th. The program for the evening was just one in a series of programs on the "Opera." Roll call was answered to by the name of an "Opera" and an interesting talk on this subject was given by Professor Veatch. After the program there was a short business meeting and which was followed by the Froebel prayer and adjournment.

HON. H. R. PATTENGILL

ADDRESSES STUDENTS

Fine Talk on "The Teacher and Preparedness" Given Last Friday Morning.

In a most interesting talk to the student body while it was assembled in chapel last Friday morning, Mr. H. R. Pattengill, editor of "The Moderator Topics," and well-known Michigan educator was at his best, according to the comments of several people who have heard him many times before. He was introduced by President Crooks, and the speaker lost no time in getting himself acquainted with the students. A splendid history of the great American and Michigan educational system was given. How this state was settled with a different stock from that of Ohio, Illinois and Indiana, because we are from good New England blood. It was the people from Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York who came to Michigan, and in so coming they brought with them their old ideas about education. The state has been brought up to love the school system, and at the present time no one can be more proud of her educational privileges and developments than the state of Michigan.

The men who framed the constitution of the United States were eighty per cent of them college men. They were men who could think, and had a great vision of the future. What if they had been men of other types? Why, the constitution would be of very little value today, but as it is, it remains practically the same as it was in the days when it was formed. They were men who could think. They were prepared. They were men who could use their heads as well as their hands, and such men are needed in the world today, and especially in the teaching profession.

Again, I am strongly in favor of athletics in our schools, and too, I think that most certainly we ought to have compulsory military training, for every body in the land. Not only for the rich man's son, who spends a few months in summer camp, doing what he wants to, and leaving the other part for some one else. We should have every young man serve at least six months in the army when he attains the age of nineteen, so that he can be prepared. Not prepared for war, but for peace, for I think that preparedness means preparedness for peace. The "Fathers" of this country had good, strong, rugged bodies and that is the reason that they were able to do so much. If the young men and women of our colleges are to be capable people, turning out the best that is in them, then they must have athletics, and be prepared.

It is the school master's business to get a boy or girl started right. He must impress upon the pupil the fact that he has some good to do in the world, and that that good can only be done by that particular person. A true teacher must be a man of good vision, so that he can prepare those under his care to be able to meet with the situations of the future, for upon him does the moulding of the lives of the coming men and women, the ones who in the tomorrow are to be the leaders of the nation, depend.

Mr. Pattengill also gave a talk in Dr. Randel's History Education class. He spoke of the development of the public school system of Michigan.

WAITING FOR SOMEONE

There is a letter at the post office, which is being held for the party to which it is addressed. The address reads: The Prettiest Girl in Alma, Mich. At the post office they are waiting for her to come and claim her letter.

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THE CHRISTIANITY OF BURNS

(By Prof. Charles G. Patterson)

When we speak of a man's Christianity, we may refer to either one of two things. We may mean the system of doctrine that he holds, or the kind of spirit that he manifests; what he believes, or how he lives. I wish to speak of the Christianity of Robert Burns under both these aspects, but less of his theology than of his life.

In the days of Burns the theological interest was supreme in Scotland. There were then as many critics and sermontasters as there were intelligent adult Scots. The very peasants could split a dogmatic hair lengthwise and leave each half intact. The result was, as Burns later wrote: "Polemical divinity about this time was putting the country half mad." A sort of theological rabies had plagued the land for nearly a century, and every Scot was more or less afflicted by it. At an early date our poet became involved, for the reason and with the result which he states in these words: "I, ambitious of shining in conversation-parties on Sundays, at funerals, etc., used to puzzle Calvinism with so much heat and indiscretion that I raised the hue and cry of heresy against me, which has not ceased to this hour." Partly from conviction inherited from his noble father, partly from love of arguing, but more from antipathy toward the chosen representatives of the opposite party, Burns cast in his lot with the New Lights as ever against the Old Lights, in the civil war of words then raging in the kirk. His view of the relative position of these two bodies is suggested in the "Kirks Alarm";

"Orthodox, orthodox,
Who believe in John Knox,
Let me sound an alarm to your conscience—
There's an heretic blast
Has been blown in the wast,
That what is not sense must be nonsense,

Orthodox,
That what is not sense must be nonsense,

The Old Lights prided themselves on their superior orthodoxy, the New Lights on their superior intelligence; and, fortified by satisfaction with self and contempt of others, the leaders of the Kirk poured forth on one another torrents of abuse and scorn. The whole affair made Satan smile. It was but one chapter in the old, old story in Church History of zeal for opinion mistaken for loyalty to truth; of heresy-hunting, with its usual accompaniment of self-righteousness, unfairness, and absence of the spirit of Jesus Christ, on both sides.

And what would be the effect of a young man of the sensibilities of Robert Burns of the sight presented by the church of his time? His great countryman, Carlyle, laments that Burns had no religious principle of morals; indeed, had no religion. That depends upon what you mean by religion. But the fact for us to note carefully is this, that neither in the teaching nor in the manner of life of the religious leaders with whom Burns was acquainted was there incentive or example for vital Christianity. Not a sin can be laid at the door of Robert Burns that cannot also be laid at the door of some ecclesiastical dignitary of his day. Between the hypocritical orthodox and the immoral heterodox, what was to become of a man of our poet's temperament and genius? It is said that Burns had no religious beliefs. If such were the case, it would be no wonder when we think of the church of Scotland of that period. But it is not the case. He did have beliefs. When he is twenty-nine years of age he writes as follows: "I feel myself deeply interested in your good opinion, and will lay before you the outlines of my belief. He who is our Author and preserver, and will one day be our Judge, must be the object of our reverential awe and grateful adoration. He is Almighty

and All-bounteous. We are weak and dependent, hence offer prayer and every other sort of devotion. He is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to everlasting life. Consequently it must be in everyone's power to imbrace His offer of everlasting life; otherwise, He could not in justice condemn those who did not. The supreme Being has put the immediate administration of all this, for wine and good ends known to Himself in the hands of Jesus whose relation to Him we cannot understand, but Whose relation to us is that of a Guide and a Savior, and Who, except for our own obstinacy and misconduct will bring us all, through various ways and by various means, to bliss at last. These are my tenets." Again he writes: "Religion has not only been all my life my chief dependence, but my dearest enjoyment."

The religious beliefs of Robert Burns were such as should admit him to membership in any Presbyterian church to-day. But he did not live up to his beliefs, we say. Well, neither do we. He lived a fast life. He did. But worse sins than his were committed by Moses and David, by Peter and John, not to speak of the rest of us who are not worthy to be mentioned in the same breath. The students of the life and works of Burns can find that which he himself bitterly regretted, and of which he profoundly repented—if they wish. The life of Burns and the life of elders of the kirk about him alike illustrate the fact, that there may be the ascent of the intellect to doctrinal propositions without a truly religious life.

This life affords a few pleasures greater than that of seeking for, finding, and enjoying the good in others. And he who undertakes such a search in his study of Robert Burns will find much to reward him. In several important respects he resembles the Christ of the gospel, and displays the true Christianity of the spirit and the life. It is upon these traits that we may dwell with most pleasure, and also with most profit. According to Wordsworth, the leading characteristic of Burns, and the basis of all his power, was his absolute truthfulness, his intense sincerity. Among all the accusations made against him, none ever charged him with being a hypocrite. He was a Scot in whom was no guile. In his poems there is an absence of meaningless verbiage and striving after effect, but a charming naturalness, directness and simplicity. And the sincerity of the style is but a true reflection of the honesty of the man. It is probable that no one here has for a single day been so sorely pressed by poverty as was Burns nearly all his life. Nine days before his premature death he closes an appeal for money with the cry: "Save me from the horrors of a jail." Many and many a time his proud spirit was compelled to beg a loan, that himself and loved ones might have enough to sustain life. But every loan was returned with scrupulous punctuality, and after the pitiful struggle of his closing years he died with every debt discharged to the last farthing. Robert Burns was an honest man, and "an honest man's the noblest work of God."

The Love of Nature was a Christ-like trait of Robert Burns. From more than one passage in the Gospel story we surely gather that our Lord found great solace and inspiration in contemplating the birds and flowers, the sea, the hills, and the heavens; and that these objects not only ministered to his own soul's need, but also suggested great moral and spiritual truths, with which he healed and fed the lives of others. And a similar delight in the handiwork of God characterized our poet.

There is no pagan nature-worship in Robert Burns, but purest, sweetest and tenderest love of Nature, which is Christian in its origin and Christ-like in its manifestations. I can conceive of no poetry in which Jesus would take more pleasure than those by Burns when in birds, or beasts, or flowers are the theme. The Christianity of Robert Burns has manifested itself in those outbursts of indignation which are so familiar to the student of his life and works. In the most explicit account that we have of Jesus' being angry, it is with the members of the synagogue, and it is with the people of the church that our poet waxes wroth. And the same two causes that called forth the anger of Jesus provoked the indignation of Burns: inhumanity to man and misrepresentation of God. With both it was righteous indignation. Burns was, because Dr. Johnson's phrase,

good hater. He hated, in general, whatever hindered loving; and in particular, the oppressor and the hypocrite.

The Christian spirit of Robert Burns reveals itself most clearly and beautifully, however, in his marvelous Sympathy. In this we have the pure gold, the undeniably Christlike quality of his nature.

He was, as Lord Rosebery puts it, the universal Samaritan. His was the true democracy of the heart, which recognizes need wherever it exists, and holds fast to the truth.

The heart of Burns went out in unstinted unceasing sympathy. He had shared their toil, endured their deprivations, partaken of their sufferings, and been one with them in every circumstance. And as a poetic genius he devoted his high art to the depiction of their life and the expression of their sentiments. For the Scotch the favorite pieces of Burns are his songs in dialect, spontaneous as laughter and instinctive as tears. And what are these nearly three hundred compositions, which have placed him first among the song-writers of all the ages? They are the exaltation and glorification of the peasant life of Scotland; they are the hopes and fears, the loves and sorrows of the lowliest immortalized in sweetest music. Who can read unmoved such lines as these?

"How sweetly bloom'd the gay green birk,

How rich the hawthorn's blossom,
As underneath their fragrant shade
I clasp'd her to my bosom.

The golden hours, on angel wings,
Flew o'er me and my dearie;
For dear to me, as light and life,

Was my sweet Highland Mary."
And surely not for all the wealth that the earth can boast would the sons and daughters of Scotia part with "The Cotter's Saturday night," that matchless idealization of the home of the poor, where toil is softened by love and labor is hallowed by religion.

Such, I take it, was the Christianity of our poet: a belief in the fundamentals of the Church's faith; a life, marked by grievous lapses, indeed, but also by profound remorse and genuine repentance; and, above all, a spirit that devoted him conspicuously as a true member of the Brotherhood of the Nazarene. Well must it be for the world, therefore, if the Scotsmen of every land and age will but continue to keep at their bed's head and in their heart's core the verses and the memory of the one whom, next to the Master, they most delight to honor—Robert Burns.

ALPHA THETA PLAY

The postponed Alpha Theta play, "The Betty Wales Girls and Mr. Ridd," which was to have been given last Friday evening, will be given on Thursday night of this week, in the college chapel. The play promises to be one of fine quality, and will be grand has been necessary this year. Al- whose auspices it is held. Miss Marion Cooper will take the part of Betty Wales. Miss Edna Ward is to be the English teacher, taking for her name Miss Primy Hicks; Miss Lulu Stone is a noted writer who is very much in love and assumes the name of Roberta Lewis; the part of Georgina Arms will be taken by Miss Hazel Tuck; Miss Koepfgen will be a senior, Mary Brooks; Mildred McConkey is to be Helen Chase Adams; Miss Marie Doane will play the part of Madeline Ayers, and Misses Eloise Carey, Edlyn Lind and Catherine Goodwill are the three "B's."

Tickets are on sale and may be bought from members of the society and it will be well worth while to invest in a couple of them early, because "this is not a social cut," so beware, lest ye are late for a partner.

ZETA SIGMA

The regular literary program consisted of a talk by Wright, on "Wilson's Appeal to Congress for Power;" by Lonie, on "More Mathematics Needed;" by Spooner, on "The Two Peaceful Republics." In this Spooner showed what a tremendous power for good would be fostered in the Pacific if the United States and China should form an alliance. Seeley then read a paper on "The Hand that Rocks the Cradle Rules the World." Melvin had a very interesting paper on "Observation Here and There."

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Winifred G. Trapp, Teacher, Alma.

THE WOMEN'S GLEE CLUB TRIP

Did we have a good time on our first Glee club trip? Well, I'd just say we did. We went to Riverdale. Doesn't that speak for itself? The auto truck called for us at Wright Hall at 7:15 and we all piled in—a happy, expectant crowd with Miss Conyne as our chaperone. Yes, we sang and laughed on the way over and it wasn't long before we reached our destination. There were very few people in the opera house when we first arrived, but after we had sung the first number the seats began to be filled.

Our program consisted of the following fifteen numbers:
1. Faust Waltz Song (Gounod)—Glee Club.
2. "The Owl," "The Starling," "The Cuckoo" (Lehman)—Vernie Green.
3. Reading, "The Joy"—Homer Grimes.

4. "Home to Our Mountains" (Verdi)—Glee Club.
5. "The Naughty Tulip," "The Chrysanthemum" (Solter), "Little Orphan Annie" (Needham)—Lulu Stone.
6. "In the Boat" (Grieg)—Glee Club.
7. "Epaminondus," Story—Marion Cooper.
8. "Darkey Lullaby" (Dvorak)—Glee Club.
9. "The Sunshine of Your Smile" (Ray), "Philosophy"—Gladys Bradner.
10. "The Banjo Song" (Homer), "You'd Better Ask Me" (Lohr)—Homer Grimes.
11. "O Time Take Me Back," "Nothin' But Love" (Bond)—Eloise Carey.
12. "Good-bye, Sweet Day"—Ruth Boer.
13. "The Heart of Her," "My First Love" (Lohr)—Pauline Markham.
14. Piano Solo—Gene Ramsdell.
15. "Barcarolle," Tales of Hoffman (Offenbach), Alma College Song—Glee Club.

Mr. Homer Grimes accompanied the numbers given by the Glee club and also those given by each soloist of the evening. The program was exceptional in its variety of songs, solos and readings, and the appreciation of the audience was well manifested by the hearty applause which we received after each number. The solos were all excellent. Each young woman who sang put her whole self into the song she was singing. Every one of us forgot for the moment the singer and thought only of the theme of her song. The stories related by Miss Cooper were unusually well told while the piano solo rendered by Miss Ramsdell was above criticism. The readings and solos given by Mr. Grimes were most heartily appreciated and we have all decided that Mr. Grimes is a most valuable addition to our Glee club. On the whole, our trip was quite a success, but why shouldn't it be? Professor Veatch has worked with us untiringly and it was our duty to help him make our work successful. It was 11:30 when we returned to Wright Hall, tired but still very happy, for we had all enjoyed the trip. Some of the girls had most thoughtfully prepared hot soup and crackers for us and we all sat down in front of the cozy warm fire to enjoy it and talk over our first Glee club trip.

ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

Baseball
April 13—Alma at Albion.
April 20—Alma at Mt. Pleasant.
April 27—Alma at Olivet.
Alma 24—Alma at Albion.
May 4—Alma at Albion.
May 5—Alma at Albion.
May 11—Alma at Albion.
May 12—Alma at Albion.
May 16—Alma at Albion.
May 18—Alma at Albion.
May 19—Alma at Albion.
May 25—Alma at Albion.
May 26—Open but will be filled.
June 1 and 2—M. I. A. A. meet at Albion.
June 9—Ypsilanti at Ypsilanti.
June 13—Alumni at Alma.
Track
May 12—Invitation meet at M. A. C.
May 19—Ypsilanti at Alma.
May 26—Mt. Pleasant at Mt. Pleasant, pending.
April 27—Olivet at Olivet, pending.
April 21—Hope at Holland, pending.
Local track meets before each baseball game when no other meet is scheduled.
June 1 and 2—M. I. A. A. meet at Albion.
Tennis
May 5—Mt. Pleasant at Alma.
May 12—Alma at Mt. Pleasant.
May 26—Alma at Olivet.
Two other dates with M. A. C. and Mt. Pleasant to be arranged.
Tommy (to bareheaded German)—Want to surrender, do yer? You ain't no good ter me like that! You 'op back and bring yer 'elmet wiv yer. I'm going 'ome on leave next week.—London Opinion.

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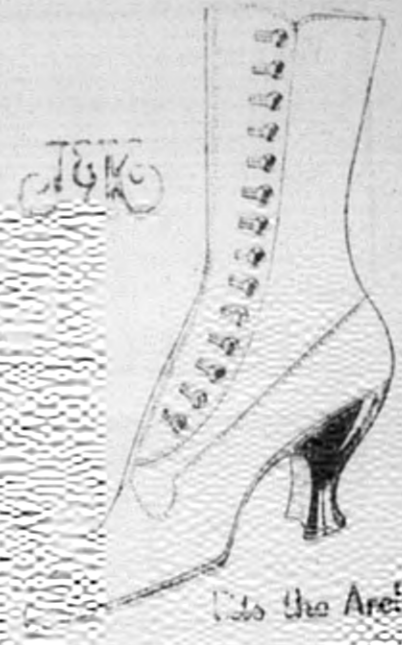
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If you will step into Wright Hall at three o'clock of any Sunday afternoon you will find a group of girls all ready, with song books under their arms, starting at the Masonic Home. After arriving at the Home and shaking hands with our elderly friends whom we have not seen for a whole week, we gather about the piano to sing a few of their old favorites. "And how the old folks do enjoy it!" Unlike most audiences, they do not criticise, but applaud our valiant endeavors to sing in harmony with the old piano. Sometimes after singing a few songs, some one remembers that some one else has a particularly good story to tell. The story is usually told after the due amount of coaxing, because we are very modest about taking part when our entertaining is impromptu. The funny stories are always appreciated and the funnier the better. The old folks are always ready for a whole-hearted laugh. Besides our Sunday visits some of us try to visit the Home during the week to read to those who crave reading on account of poor eyesight. Vocal exhibitions are also appreciated, especially quartets and Glee clubs.

The informality of the hour spent at the Home and the feeling of satisfaction which one receives, more than compensates for the "wee bit" of energy expended. After our little has been said and done, we again lay our adieus and usually hear some one ask, "Where are the boys. We do like to have them come." We expect larger crowds when the new piano comes, but let us try to do our best to bring fun and enjoyment to those who are older than we but just as anxious for the pleasure of life.

ALPHA THETA

A Rudyard Kipling program was enjoyed by the members of the Alpha Theta Literary society Monday, March 12, 1917. Ellen Lamann read an extensive and splendidly prepared paper on the "Life of Rudyard Kipling and the Characteristics of His Works." Violet Elliot read aloud to the society one of Kipling's "just-so stories," "The Cat that Walked by Himself." Pauline Markham sang a song to supplement Miss Elliot's reading and it was indeed well rendered. A most important business meeting followed the program, after which the society adjourned.

Y. W. C. A.

On Sunday afternoon, Blanche Mashin led the Y. W. C. A. meeting. Her topic was "The Sincerity of Friendship," and she gave a very well thought-out and attractive talk. She took Christ as the most perfect friend known to humanity. He had many friends and He sought friends among all classes of people. Several of the girls gave their ideas as to what should go toward the making of the most unselfish and fullest friendship.

ALMA'S BASEBALL PROSPECTS LOOK BRIGHT

(Continued from Page One.)

prove a valuable man to Coach Helmer. Foote is said to be a first sacker.

The chances are that either Eddie Johnston or French will be worked out at first base, if Foote doesn't show the stuff that is needed to take the place.

With five pitchers out for the team this year, it is certain that the men who twirl for Alma college this year, must be in good shape, and able to go the entire route of nine innings. Alma needs to have her twirlers in good shape. Last year Alma lost simply because the nine could not keep piling up runs. Alma had a good average of runs per game, but the twirlers could not hold the opposing teams down.

She took a course of first aid to the injured, and, after long and anxious waiting, the street accident she had earnestly wished for took place.

It was a bicycle accident, the man had broken his leg; she confiscated the walking stick of a passerby and broke it in three pieces for splints; she blushing took off her underskirt for bandages and she was enthusiastically cheered by the crowd. When all was completed she summoned a cab and took her patient to the hospital.

"Who bandaged this limb so creditably?" inquired the surgeon.

"I did," she blushing replied. "Well, it is most beautifully done," said the surgeon, "but you have, I see, made one little mistake."

She felt terribly self-conscious. "You have bandaged the wrong leg," he said quietly.—Baltimore Sun.

"Look here," yelled the infuriated bridegroom of a day, dashing wildly into the editor's room of the country weekly; "what do you mean by such an infernal libel on me in your account of our wedding?"

"What's the matter?" asked the editor calmly. "Don't we say that after your wedding tour you would make your home at the Old Manse?"

"Yes," howled the newly made benedict, "and just see how you've spelled it!"

And the editor looked and read: "After their wedding tour the newly married couple will make their home at the Old Man's."—Ladies' Home Journal.

To meet the need of students contemplating the study of law or journalism, or the entrance into business or social service, the college of the City of New York has instituted a third course of study paralleling the two now leading to the A. B. and B. S. degrees. The object of this course is to allow those students who do not wish primarily to pursue the study of the physical sciences or the classics to take courses of study mainly in the social sciences, electing a large amount of work in political science, philosophy and history.—Ex.

Ohio state men and women now have their feet as well as their minds trained. Every Thursday evening, seventy-five couples flock to Orton hall to attend the social dancing class under the instruction of Allison W. Marsh of the department of physical education. And they learn to dance, too, for in the course of the evening seemingly difficult steps are rendered most easy, and bashful boys and girls overcome their embarrassments and blushes.—Ex.

Dr. Snyder, who has been President Emeritus of M. A. C. for the past two years, and before that was President of the college for more than two decades recently handed in his resignation as President Emeritus. His action came as a great surprise to the State Board of Agriculture and it was with reluctance that they accepted it.—Holead.

Lawrence college students gave \$2,106 toward the half-million-dollar endowment which is being sought for by the trustees of that school. The city of Appleton, in which the college is located, gave \$137,000 besides a pipe organ.—The Lawrentian.

The University of Oklahoma claims to have the largest geology department in the world. There are 400 students enrolled in the department, and 62 are majoring in this subject. Oil accounts for much of this interest.—Ex.

Purdue has a student with a keen analytical mind. By some detailed process he figures he has danced 1,893.9 miles in the course of his three years' social activities.—Ex.

An Englishwoman "Soldier." The most famous Englishwoman "soldier" was Dr. James Barry, who joined the medical corps in 1813 and served at Waterloo and in Crimea. In 1858, after many promotions, she became inspector general, and it was not until many years later that the fact that she was a woman was discovered.

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Worth While Quotation. "Great men had good mothers, but all good mothers had great sons there would be a surplus"

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