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PIONEER HALL OPEN HOUSE FRIDAY NIGHT

HILLSDALE AND M. A. C. THIS WEEK'S CARD

Maroon and Cream Facing Two Hard Contests—M. I. A. A. Race Hit by War.

With the Mt. Pleasant Normal game of today, the Alma baseball team engages this week in three of the hardest contests of the season—Hillsdale and M. A. C. being the other two contests which are booked to be played this week.

The Hillsdale game to be played here Friday will be the opening M. I. A. A. game of the season, and should be a hot one, as the Hillsdale nine is composed of a bunch of veterans, who have won everything that they have played so far this year. Coach Puchleit probably will bring the strongest team to Alma that the Blue and White has ever had in baseball.

Last year the Hillsdale team slaughtered Alma at Hillsdale and Coach Helmer's pets will go out for revenge in the Friday encounter. Alma will present the strongest front against Hillsdale that Alma has shown in six years, and expectations are high that Alma will shove a victory over the downstaters. It is very probable that "Eddie" Johnston will twirl this game.

On Saturday Helmer's Midgents will meet M. A. C. at M. A. C. The farmers are just as strong as usual, and will keep Alma going the limit to win. Strong as they are, however, Alma is hoping to shove a victory over them, for the first time in years. The game will be played at East Lansing and it is probable that a number of the fans will go to the Capital City with the team and see the game. If Johnston twirls against Hillsdale, Captain Depew will get the chance to sling against the farmers.

The Michigan intercollegiate race this year promises to be a three cornered affair, Kalamazoo, Olivet and Albion having thrown up the game for the spring, so that more time can be devoted to military drill and because of the fact that enlistments have hurt their teams. Kalamazoo in particular has been a heavy sufferer from enlistments, which will hurt all of the teams that will come from Kalamazoo in the next couple of years. The Orange and Black has lost some of her brightest stars.

This leaves only Hillsdale, Adrian and Alma in the race for the honors.

The fight for the top round of the M. I. A. A. will probably not be changed greatly even with the withdrawal of the three teams, all of which would have been weak. Two of the three started their seasons and threw up their schedules after having played a couple of games and suffered serious reverses, indicating that they would not have put up much of a fight for the high honors of the association. It had been expected that Hillsdale and Alma would fight it out for the title and they are still in the ring.

The chances are that no Michigan intercollegiate track meet will be held this year, although there is no logic reason at present for calling it off, because of the withdrawal of the three schools. The schools which do not withdraw should be entitled to hold the meet, but the M. I. A. A. directors will probably act the other way.

DAVIES LEAVES FOR MINN.

Myrddyn C. Davies, who was chosen as the representative for Michigan to the Interstate Oratorical convention, left this morning for Carleton college, Northfield, Minnesota.

ALMA'S FIRST RECRUIT

Murry Martin, '20, Passes Examination for Signal Corps.

Many of the students were surprised to learn last Friday morning that Murry Martin a member of the Freshman class had been sent to Grand Rapids by the local recruiting office to take his final examination as a signaller in the regular army.

Mr. Martin was a good student and well liked by the men who knew him. He will get his college credit as will all others who decide to enlist in the armies of the Allies.

Mr. Martin is Alma's first recruit and altho the men are not urged to leave school and enlist, yet, when a man feels that it is his duty to go, the college stands back of him, and wishes him all good luck.

PAULIST CHOIR OF CHICAGO

The Society of Choristers, which is to appear at the Auditorium, Saginaw, Michigan, Friday evening, May 4, 1917, is the sole concert organization of men and boys in this country and is an organization unique in the history of music. It is interesting to know that all musicians and the laity as well, laugh to scorn the approval that a choral society of boys and men could be made effective. During the few years of the existence of the Paulist Choristers, musicians have come to take a different view of the matters. They find the boy's voice a great possibility for there are hidden in the throat of a boy many of the most powerful and subtle effects that can be produced by the art of music. The boy is not a ballad singer, his very lack of physical development will, to the end forbid him a perfect interpretation of music of the intimate personal or armorous type. His field is a music of mystery, atmospheric music that reveals to the hearts of the listeners something before untouched. The boy is the supreme vehicle of musical expression in music of that character. The Choristers who are to appear here have been so trained that all of these unique possibilities have been realized, at least so say the critics.

All lovers of music should make an extra effort to attend this concert, Friday evening, May 4, 1917, at Saginaw, in the Auditorium.

SHOWER AND LUNCHEON

Mrs. F. E. Pollasky gave a kitchen shower last week Thursday in honor of Miss Sadie Messinger, at which about thirty guests were present and on the following day Mrs. Francis King entertained at luncheon and bridge in her honor.

The Pollasky home on Thursday was gayly decorated with Bridal roses, sweet peas, supids and hearts, making a very beautiful and effective decoration for the occasion. Light refreshments were served.

A fine array of kitchen utensils in pyrex and aluminum were the gifts presented to Miss Messinger by her many friends at the shower at the Pollasky home.

Mrs. King entertained twelve guests in honor of Miss Messinger on Friday at luncheon and bridge, where a splendid time was enjoyed. The decorations were tulips, jonquils and daffodils.—Alma Record.

FRESHMAN EDITION

The next issue of the "Almanian" will be by the Freshmen. The "Verdents" have elected Thomas W. Wright to be the editor-in-chief with Miss Muriel Netzorg as associate editor. Bertha Vogt will have charge of the Joke section and Fred Holt of the Athletics. This promises to be one of the best editions which has ever been put out by the Freshman. Extra copies will be printed and may be had at five cents each.

GLEE CLUB HOME CONCERT BIG SUCCESS

Large Crowd Enjoy Entertainment in the Opera House Last Thursday Night.

It would be indeed a difficult and arduous task to enumerate all the functions of college life which bring the institution of learning before the public eye. But it would be a great mistake on the other hand if one should fail to give this year's Glee club the place which they have won in helping to put our college on the map. To say this year's club was a success would be putting—mildly—too mildly, for even this is the sentiment of the most unenthusiastic booster. Too, they established a name for themselves throughout Michigan that has never been equalled by any previous club, and it was not as first class germ catchers either, although they scored great successes in that line of work. A group of such virile men has never gone from the college before. They displayed marked ability in so many ways that to do any thing more than mention the facts, would needlessly bore and tire one. If any one is, however, particularly interested in the doings of the club reports from the various towns which bers read the copious newspaper reports from the various towns which they visited. And too, we were doubly assured of their unlimited talent, through the home concert which they gave last Thursday evening.

It would indeed be an endless task if one were to give due praise to every individual and so a general word in commendation is extended, "To you from us." We must, however, mention the soloists of the evening, for it seemed almost too fortunate and good we say, remarkable that every man's voice appeared to be in such splendid form, and let us add for the benefit of the one who says he was in rotten voice, "You concealed it well;" and in that way do away with his trying to thwart our poor attempt at compliment.

Again, the quartette must also be given a special word of praise for their work was far superior to any rendered by foregoing quartettes. But we must not forget in our enthusiasm the late Mr. Grimes, for he deserves much credit for the success of the concert. And proof of his unequalled popularity was made manifest in the hearty response he received from the audience. To be sure, Grimes is gone from our midst, but "Windy" will long be remembered by every one.

The non-musical part of the program was a lecture on electricity, and for fear that some of the readers might be shocked at our lack of knowledge concerning electricity, we will say that Alma may well be proud to have such person as Mr. Beshgetoor enrolled as one of her students.

After the concert the Glee club had its annual banquet at the Wright House and the best way that one may know that it was a very successful and delightful banquet is to have been in the vicinity of the guests the next morning. Never has such enthusiasm been manifested by the girls of the college and lest some one should believe the result wholly due to "Prexy's" chapel talk the other morning, let us say that it was not feigned enthusiasm but an expression of a right good time.

Mr. Frost was toastmaster and Messrs. Austin, Ewing, Robinson, Seeley, Veatch and Crooks gave toasts. Each man seemingly at his best and the thing which marked the "after the banquet" program was

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MUSICIANS TO APPEAR

Leading Violinist and Lecturer to Please Alma Audiences.

Professor Veatch has announced that during this month the music lovers of Alma will have opportunities of hearing one of the most famous violinists, Mr. Roderick White, a man of not only fame in this country, but whose work is recognized as being of a wonderful type in Europe as well. Mr. White is to appear in the May festival which will be given by the Musical club of the college. The choir is going to give "The Mikado," and will be held on Thursday and Friday, May 24th and 25th. Mr. White has also been a member of the world-renowned Berlin Philharmonic orchestra.

In the near future, Mr. John C. Friend, the editor of "Musical America," America's leading musical journal, will give a lecture. The definite plans have not yet been completed, but the event is something to which all may look to with great pleasure.

PREPAREDNESS BULLETIN

(From War Preparedness Board.)
Lansing, April 27.—A good many young men of Michigan are saying anxiously to themselves: "I want to 'do my bit' for my country. How can I do it to the best advantage?" This article will endeavor to assist them in reaching a decision.

The National Guard, the regular army, the navy and the marine corps are all recruiting in Michigan now. Enlistments in any of these organizations and in any branch are equally needed. The recruit can be sure that if he joins any of them, he is doing his full patriotic duty.

But if he is a resident of Michigan and desires to serve his state as well as his nation, he can best do so by joining the National Guard. The state forces have become federized by recent legislation, and can go anywhere in the world that our regular army goes. Likewise, with the war training it will receive, it can do anything that the army can do.

Before joining any unit of the Guard, the recruit should take stock of his training, education and native ability. Here are the various divisions of the National Guard service in Michigan, with desirable qualifications:

Infantry: Three regiments, located in about twenty-five of the larger cities of the state. For infantry companies, good physique, perfect feet, ability to shoot; for headquarters company, band section, ability to play band instrument in addition; for machine gun company, mechanical turn of mind, some knowledge of horses and mules; for supply company, knowledge of horses and mules and of retail grocery and clothing business; headquarters company, knowledge of short-hand and typewriting, general clerical ability.

Cavalry: Horsemanship and marksmanship; scouting and trailing ability. Big game hunters, trappers and prosecutors make good cavalry men. Cavalry troops, Detroit and South Haven.

Field artillery: Natural taste for machinery; mathematical ability; horsemanship. Artillery headquarters, Lansing.

Signal corps: Signaling of any description; telegraph or wireless operating; electrical experts and telephone linemen are desirable, or any man with a technical electrical education; horsemanship; clerical ability. This service is peculiarly adapted to college and high school students. Signal headquarters, Ypsilanti.

Engineers: Knowledge of coal or metal mining; practice in handling explosives; bridge and road-building knowledge; horsemanship; surveying.

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STIRRING PATRIOTIC SERMON DELIVERED BY AN ALUMNUS

Rev. H. G. Gaunt Preached on "The Call to America's Patriotism in View of War."

Editor's Note:—The following are some extracts from a splendid sermon which Rev. N. G. Gaunt, '06, preached in the First Presbyterian church, Mundsville, West Va., last Sunday evening. The complete sermon was printed in "The Mundsville Journal."

"Judges 5:23 'Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of Jehovah, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of Jehovah, to the help of Jehovah against the mighty.'

"I Chron. 2:32 'The children of Issachar, men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do.'

"My theme tonight is "The Call to America's Patriotism in View of the War.' We do not need to apologize for the introduction of this subject into the pulpit. Rather, we would be recreant to duty and unmindful of privilege if we ignored it. Whatever concerns the highest welfare of men and of nations concerns the Church. We believe we are engaging in a war for the overthrow of wrong and oppression and the advancement of justice and human rights.

"The Church has steadfastly believed in every age that Jehovah of hosts is a God of battles, and that He gives victory to those who take up arms against the evil devices of men. In God's name, we as a Christian nation, have entered this war, not for gain, but for the sake of humanity. It is a time for serious thought and heroic action. We need to determine what is demanded of this whole nation, men, women and children alike, and be ready to answer the call is sounded to patriotic America.

I have two texts quite opposite in character. They introduce two different sorts of people, the people of Meroz and the children of Issachar. A curse was pronounced upon the first because at a time of crisis in Israel's history 'they came not to help the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty.' They are a type of the national shirk, the slacker. The other class represents the true patriot.

"We have both classes today, the slacker and the patriot. May we all be found among those who hear the call of duty and answer it.

"How can we hear and read of brutal atrocities on land and sea, and know that the great mass of liberty-loving Germans longing for the dawn of a new era of political freedom without being stirred to our innermost beings? It is against the autoeracy that crushes them that we strike, hoping for them some day, the blessings of democracy that are ours.

"And the ambition of Prussia militarism, as seen in their iniquitous system of espionage perpetrated through their very officials in this country looks even to our fair shores. Would we have a tyrant coming here and making another hell and bloody shambles of America? Would we have our homes sacked and pillaged and our loved ones done to death? Would we see our country humiliated, insulted, derided, and we ourselves made slaves to follow the crack of the whip lash of deadly Prussian bullets?

"It surely ought to be no longer necessary to plead for support for our President and our Government. We have been dragged into this

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Alma has always done fairly well in oratory, but it is an admitted fact that we can do better than we have done in the past. There are several problems which must be met by the orators who are chosen a few weeks or even months before the state oratorical contest takes place. One of the biggest of these problems is the lack of time which the speakers have to prepare their speeches. An oration is not the production of a few hours' thought and concentration, but it requires great thought and study. The idea must be on the mind of the writer for a long while before he has a capital oration. Then, why can not Alma follow same plan as is followed by some of the other colleges of the country? Alma ought to select her orators the preceding year of the contest. This should be done by means of a local contest which should take place in the latter part of the school year. In this way, the orators will have the summer months to think of their orations, besides several months during the school year. They may also be able to handle their subjects much more skilfully and have a wider range of knowledge. Would it not be well for this matter to be considered by the literary societies, and the proper authorities to see that the local oratorical contest shall be held during the end of May?

What have you thought about that Campus Day program? May is here, and this is the month to have our day off for what you may consider to be the best method of celebrating it. Cleaning around the campus and halls is one item which may be discussed. Then there may be an exhibition drill by the men who are receiving military training, a baseball game between the faculty and some selected men from the student body, a family gathering in the jungle or in the grove for luncheon, and games played on a large scale for the afternoon. It will be well to have something new and original if possible, and thus it will be more interesting. Then we will not look at Campus Day as merely a day off from school work, but a day of real pleasure and full of fun.

The splendid work of our Glee club at its home concert is worthy of great praise. If our men did as well on the recent trips there is no need for an attempt to apologize on the part of any one, for the work of the club. The men sang great. They deserve to be recognized, because this good standard did not come with just a few weeks' training, but it has been more or less of a continual grind for the whole school year. Professor Veatch also deserves credit for the way in which he has trained the men. The work shows what time and effort has been put upon the club by its leader. Alma had a fine Glee club during 1916-17 is the verdict of a whole student body.

REPRESENTATIVE AT U. OF M.

At the last meeting of the faculty, Mr. Ray Beshgetoor, class of 1917, was elected as fellow to represent Alma college at the University of Michigan next year. Miss Bernice M. Ireland, '16, was elected as alternate.

FROEBEL

On Monday, the 23rd, the Froebel society entertained the entire college at a lecture and reception. The Rev. and Mrs. Green of Mt. Pleasant gave a very interesting review of Victor Hugo's "Les Miserables." Rev. Green gave to his audience a comprehensive understanding of the book by presenting four word pictures in the life of Jean Val Jean. The address was well seasoned with Rev. Green's natural humor. The evening was closed with a reception for the speaker.

The following postal card was received by the Editor last week:

DURHAM, N. H., April 20.—Twenty-five members of the faculty of New Hampshire college have joined in a co-operative potato planting project. A two-acre tract will be planted and the professors will care for the growing crop.

A HINT.

JOIN THE ARMY

Once more our national government has issued the call for volunteers to join the colors and assist in putting to rout an enemy to human rights and liberty.

Not all of us can enlist in this great service for our country, but there is another service in which we can all enlist, one which means the conservation of a large number of American lives. We can all be volunteers in putting down the insurrection of that greatest of human destroyers—the house fly. To safeguard our own lives and the lives of others against death brought about by disease is no less a duty than the protection of human life against bloodshed.

Therefore, each patriotic citizen should appoint himself a committee of one to aid in the crusade against the most dangerous of human foes—the most persistent and pestilential—the common house fly. We shrink at the thought of an encroaching conquering army, devastating our land and leaving a trail of waste and desolation, but the armies of flies have hurled themselves at humanity, in all their death-dealing defiance and violence for lo, these countless centuries.

The first fly of the season, having hid in crack and crevice during the winter, like the sneak thief of the spy hides from his prey, gets on the job early, and is responsible for the millions of its progeny that make life a torment to humanity in warm weather. It is not enough to merely drive it out of doors, where it may find a place to propagate a myriad of other flies, but it should be killed and burned. There is no time like the present to get busy in this loyal service.

MICHIGAN STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Be wise!

THE WAR IN OTHER COLLEGES

Lawrence college students formed a conspicuous part of the big military parade which was held in Appleton, Wisconsin, recently. There are several men from Lawrence who have already enlisted with the Allies and many more are planning to do so.

The students of Adrian have purchased a new flag for their college. It was purchased by voluntary subscription from the student body. Adrian has also adopted military drill which occurs three times a week.

Kalamazoo college has taken up a systematic military training. Coach Young is in charge of the work.

Fifty Hope men have expressed their willingness to enlist should the call for men come from the President. A monster mass meeting was held at Carnegie hall last week at which several prominent men spoke.

Olivet college unanimously voted to cancel all athletics for this year and to take intensive military training instead. The officials of Olivet are expecting the drill to be under the supervision of a state officer.

Albion's method of training seems to be working out very well. The men train every day, and it is not compulsory. The student body is planning to give an exhibition on May 9th.

Prof. Hedges (in Public Speaking)—Mr. Maltby, come over here and sit down in front.

Maltby—Can't. I'm not made that way.

Mrs. Hokus—Your husband is a quiet dresser, isn't he?

Mrs. Pokus—Humph! You ought to hear him sometimes when he can't find his collar buttons.—Ex.

EXCHANGES

M. A. C. defeated Purdue University and Iowa State in debate last week. This was the first time that the "Aggies" have ever won both debates. Professor Hedges was one of the judges.

117 Men Join Officers Training Corps at Beloit.

Beloit, Wis.—One hundred and seventeen men have signed up for the Reserve Officers Training Corps and President Eaton will soon make application to the War Department for such a corps with the instruction of an United States army officer. Fifty-four freshmen, thirty-two sophomores, twenty-four juniors and seven seniors signed the blanks and signified their desire for such training. It is possible that the corps will be organized before the end of this year but is not highly probable.

Military Drill at Hamline.

St. Paul, Minn.—Seventy-five Hamline men, including both faculty members and students, reported at the gymnasium last Wednesday afternoon for the first military drill held at Hamline in many years.

The action of the men was the result of a short demonstration at chapel Wednesday morning when the students unanimously declared themselves in favor of instituting military drill. Dr. Gregory Walcott, head of the Philosophy Department, who was at Patsburg Military camp last summer, has assumed charge of affairs.

Reward for Bravery.

Eugene H. Lebert, former professor of French at the University of Wisconsin, has received the French cross of honor for bravery in battle. Mr. Lebert left the university in the fall to enter the French service, and has since distinguished himself in the fighting along the Somme.

Students Urged to Enlist.

All classes were suspended at the Tufts dental and medical school on Monday morning, at eleven o'clock, for one hour, to give a recruiting unit of the First Corps cadets an opportunity to present and appeal to the students for enlistment with that military organization. It was an open air meeting.

A large majority of the students took advantage of the opportunity to hear the proposition of the First Corps officers. At present a battalion, the corps is making every effort to recruit to regimental strength in order that it may receive governmental recognition and see active service. A special attempt is being made to enlist college men.

Girls to Help.

The co-eds of Ohio University will soon be asked to contribute their share for the country. There is a plan now under way whereby each girl will be asked to give up a "movie" a week for ten weeks and put the money in Red Cross work. Dean Voight has also written the War Department asking of what service the girls of the university might be in the coming war. Definite plans will be formulated and announced soon.

Be wise!

One hundred Beloit college men met for their first military drill on April 10th. Several men have already enlisted, and many will be on their way to France by the end of this month. They have gone as ambulance drivers, wireless operators and Red Cross men.

"A branch of the Red Cross society is being organized at Olivet college. The young women are very enthusiastic about it, and already bandages have been shipped to Europe.—Echo.

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The Idlehour

Week beginning April 29, 1917.

WEDNESDAY—H. B. Warner in "Shell 43." Also two-reel Keystone Comedy.

THURSDAY—Marie Doro in "The Lash." Also Paramount Pictograph.

FRIDAY—Sessue Hayakawa in "Alien Souls." Mrs. Vernon Castle in Chapter 9 of "Patria."

SATURDAY—Wilfred Lucas in "Hell-to-Pay Austin." Also two-reel Keystone Comedy.

SUNDAY—Clara Kimball Young in "My Official Wife." Also Chapter 6 of "The Secret Kingdom."

Alumni Round Table

Where we are and what we are doing

WHERE THEY ARE

Class of 1905.
Levi J. Butler, Rancher, Irma Alta, Alberta, Can.

*Orson Charles Chapman.
Mrs. William E. Brown (Carolyn Hastings), St. Louis.

Rev. David A. Johnson, Central Presbyterian Church, Rock Island, Ill.
Rev. J. N. King, Olivet Presbyterian Church, Lima, O.

Mrs. N. B. Stoddart (Leola Lauderbach), Butte Falls, Ore.

Louise Townley Strange, National Y. W. C. A. Training School, 135 E. 52nd st., New York.

Rev. Jerome E. Webber, Presbyterian Church, Northville.

Class of 1906.
William Skinner Cooper, Instructor University of Minnesota, 1523 W. Lake St., Minneapolis.

Lillian Crandell, Teacher, South Lyons.

Rev. Harold G. Gaunt, Presbyterian Church, Mundsville, W. Va.

Elizabeth Ann Hunt, Teacher, Hope College, Holland.

Beryl M. Koepfgen, Cass City.
Howard Potter, County Commissioner of Schools, Ithaca.

Rev. Fred Judson Soule, Settlement Worker, Warner House, 918 Russell St., Baltimore, Md.

Class of 1907.
Rev. Paul J. Allured, Y. M. C. A. U. S. Army, Mexican Border.

Gretta Bagley, Alma.

Erle H. Casterlin, Superintendent of Schools, Salmon, Idaho.

Mrs. Sherwood Hinds (Mayme Hayes), Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mrs. H. G. Gaunt (Susie L. Hawes), Mundsville, W. Va.

Minnie Kinnaird, Cass City.
Olive J. Smith, High School Teacher, Alma.

Class of 1908
Harry J. Bastone, Instructor in Chemistry, Calumet.

Francis W. Cobb, Teacher, Book-keeping and Accountancy, Broadway High School, Seattle, Wash.

Edith L. Cook, Librarian, E. Technical High School, Cleveland, O.; Home, 12510 Mayfield Road.

Helen B. Cook, Librarian, Alma College, Alma.

Robert Craig, Jr., Forester, Eugene, Ore.

Harry W. Helmer, Athletic Director, Alma College, Alma.

Mrs. S. B. Hill (Elvena Hoover), Kawkawlin.

Rev. George P. Horst, Second Presbyterian Church, 1307 Gallia St., Portsmouth, O.

*Deceased.

The whole class schedule of M. A. C. has been changed since the declaration of war. The regiment of men drill three nights every week from 4 to 5:30 p. m. There are many calls for qualified men in the service and M. A. C. will probably have its share of men in the army as officers and men before the year is finished.—Holland.

With a possible few exceptions, practically all of the male students enrolled in the college have enlisted in the students' volunteer military company. Between the hours 6:30 to 7:30 a. m. from one hundred to one hundred and fifty students may be seen drilling on the athletic field.—Plead.

Mr. Alonzo W. Beshgetoor, class of 1916, who is taking a course in Chemical Engineering at Purdue University, writes that he has been drilling for some weeks and will soon take an examination for a lieutenant in the Officers' Reserve Corps.

Plans are already made so that the co eds of M. A. C. will be able to do their part when the summons comes for help in the war, part of the plans being the formation of Red Cross corps at school.—Holland.

Be wise!
Job-Seeker (entering office unannounced)—Is there an opening here for me?
Chief Clerk—Yes, sir, right behind you.—Ex.

PHILOMATHEAN

Why the question mark? Of course there isn't any question about the meeting of April 19th. It was certainly a very interesting one, for by way of variation from our usual programs, a prepared debate was given. The question for debate was "Resolved, That the liberty of the press should be left unrestricted by the government." Those taking the affirmative were Rowena Rose, Lillian Hildreth and Alice Blackman; the negative, Helen Baker, Blanche Mashin and Zoa Wheaton. Both sides showed a thorough knowledge of the subject, and the rebuttal speeches on both sides were especially good. The judges decided in favor of the negative. The topic for this meeting was "The American Newspaper," and roll call was responded to by the name of a prominent editor and his paper. Jean Jackson read a well-prepared paper on "Henry Matterson." The girls are showing a lively interest in the programs this semester, and some very fine reports and papers have been prepared.

Y. M. C. A. MEETING

Ernest Bacon led the discussion in the "Y" meeting Sunday afternoon, taking for the subject "The Two Environments." He held that every individual must reach out into his spiritual environment if he is to reach his greatest capacity in his physical environment. In the discussion which followed, the reality of God and of the spiritual life were pointed out.

We are glad to see the attendance at these Sunday afternoon meetings increasing. We try to make these meetings of interest as well as of practical value to every man in the school. With your support they can be made so.

Y. W. C. A.

One of the most interesting of Y. W. C. A. meetings was held Sunday afternoon, under the leadership of Lydia Resseguie. The hour was spent in telling Bible stories. Miss Resseguie read "David and Goliath" from the Bible, and Mary DeRousie and Ellyn Lind told most pleasingly the stories, "Elisha and the Healing of the Child" and "Sampson and Delilah." After the meeting a few of the girls went to the Masonic Home. Let us all do our share in helping in this part of the Y. W. C. A. work which brings so much cheer to these older people.

WRIGHT HALL NEWS

Miss Lillian Hildreth was in Ithaca last week, taking county teacher's examination.

Miss Josephine Hall spent the week end at her home in Grand Ledge. Mr. Fred Parker accompanied her.

Miss Violet Elliot spent Saturday and Sunday visiting her aunt in Saginaw.

Miss Bess Brown went to her home in Farwell to spend the week end.

Miss Nina Resseguie was in Mid-dleton over Sunday.

Miss Muriel Netzorg was in Elsie this week.

Miss Anna Wane Coleman, who is teaching in Holland, spent Saturday and Sunday here, visiting everybody. Glad to see you Anna Wave. Come often.

Miss Nell Milligan was in Breck-bridge over Sunday.

Miss Eloise Carey was in St. Louis Sunday.

Miss Eva Barnes was married Friday to Mr. Harry Wilton of Union City, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Wilton spent the week end with her aunt, Mrs. A. J. Hall, and left Monday for Union City, where Mr. Wilton has a position in the local bank. They will reside in Union City.

Be wise!

"Hallo, Newedd, why so somber?"
"Say, old man, I've made a very painful discovery. My wife can't sing."

"Painful? Why, man, you are to be congratulated."

"Alas, no! You see, she thinks she can."—Ex.

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**STIRRING PATRIOTIC SERMON
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war. We listened long to the arguments on both sides.

"By all that is sacred and holy and just and right, we as true Americans must give ourselves in a holy enthusiasm and a patriotic self-sacrifice to the cause of justice and humanity.

"What is our duty in the present crisis? What is the challenge which the issue forces upon us? What is the call to American patriotism?"

"It is first of all a call for men, for young men. There is no need for us to be blind to existing conditions. We seem to have the slackers among us, just as they were found in the village of Meroz in the days of ancient Israel. Men are trying to hide behind women's skirts to avoid their natural duty to their country. The clerks of our marriage bureaus have been working overtime in many cities to supply these slackers with licenses which they hope will bring them exemption from military service. In the first forty-eight hours after a state of war had been declared only seventy-eight men enlisted in New York City. While in the same length of time there were 483 marriage licenses applied for. We say it to our shame. In London during the first forty-eight hours after the declaration of war, 280,000 men responded to the call to the colors as against these seventy-eight who offered themselves in the metropolis of our land.

"In the three leading colleges of the east—Harvard, Yale and Princeton—there are already more men enlisted for service or registered for it than enlisted last week in the whole of greater New York with its five million of people. And what is true of a great center of population like New York is true of the nation generally.

"In view of these facts and the experience of England, it would seem that a system of selective conscription were necessary. The volunteer system is undergoing a test, and so far it seems a failure.

"I cannot see how any able-bodied man can hesitate to give himself in answer to his country's call, unless the situation is such that he is more needed at home and that a dependent family makes it imperative that he stay. For myself, I am ready to serve my country where I am most needed. I am making it a subject of prayer and if I am needed more at the front than here as a servant of Christ and His Church, I want to go. I have no right to urge you as young men to do what I am unwilling to do myself.

"The call of country to devotion and self-sacrifice concerns not the men alone, however, but the women also. Upon them the burden falls heavier.

"Already the flower of American womanhood is offering itself for Red Cross and relief work wherever needed.

"But in this great nation of a hundred and more million of people, comparatively few will do the real fighting and minister to the needs of those who fight. What is the call to the great army at home?"

"The war is to impose an enormous tax upon all our resources and it must enlist the active assistance of the entire population. The responsibility, the opportunity and the duty of the Nation are summed up by the President when he says:

"These (equipping our army and navy) are the simplest parts of the great task to which we have addressed ourselves. There is not a single selfish element so far as I can see in the cause we are fighting for. We are fighting for what we believe and wish to be the rights of mankind and for the future peace and security of the world. To do this great thing worthily and successfully we must devote ourselves to the service without regard to profit or material advantage, and with an energy and intelligence that will rise to the level of the enterprise itself."

"A food supply abundant for this nation, its army and navy and as well for a large part of the nations with whom we shall fight, he mentions as of prime importance.

"It is a time for the curtailment of extravagance and the practice of strict economy. 'Every house-wife,' says the President, 'who practices strict economy puts herself in the ranks of those who serve the Nation.'

"It may seem like a very little that you can do but be ready to do that lit-

tle bit. This is a part of the challenge that comes to patriotic America. It is a time for the display of real patriotism.

"Viewed in this light the Church of Jesus Christ cannot remain aloof in this struggle. We hope and pray for the coming of that day when the sword will be beat into plowshares and the nations will learn war no more. But that day seems not yet. We have not changed our opinion of war. It is hellish. Human language is inadequate to describe its horrors. The nation did not want war. But when our President with a passion for peace next to infinite in patience, could no longer brook the open insult of American name and ideals, and when he was forced to lay the whip of knotted cords on the back of an arrogant imperialism in the name of a higher civilization, we believe he was under the standard and guidance of the King of Kings.

"In closing, let me remind you again that we must fight neither in hate nor in pride. It must be remembered that our Master never forbade the stroke that smites down wrong, but He did forbid the stroke that repays injury for injury. That we can do. We have no malice against the German people.

"Our prayers must go up continually to the great God of battles not to overthrow Germany, but to overthrow wrong. We must pray for the success of our cause not because it is the cause of America and the Allies, but because it is the cause of right. So let prayer ascend mightily that God shall have His way in the world, and it may please Him to accept and guide the sincere intent of those who dedicate their lives and their fortunes only to such tasks as serve humanity and perpetuate justice.

"And thus shall our sovereign God, all-wide, all-loving and all-powerful, destroy the wrong and give victory to the right, leading this nation as we trust and believe in a great service to humanity that shall bring blessing to all the nations of the earth."

Be wise!

PREPAREDNESS BULLETIN

(Continued from page one.)
Engineer headquarters, Calumet.

Field ambulance companies and field hospital: Pharmacists, clerks in drug stores, dentists, doctors, hospital nurses and orderlies are particularly desirable as well as any young men with good education and a taste for nursing and surgery; horsemanship. Ambulance companies at Detroit and Bay City, field hospital at Grand Rapids.

Cooks are sure of a position in any organization and receive extra pay. Clerks in wholesale or retail clothing stores are valuable for the supply departments or depots. Factory foremen are sure to be promoted to non-commissioned officers because of their ability to handle men. Professional men, when they have received military training, make good commissioned officers in many instances.

Be wise!

**GLEE CLUB HOME
CONCERT BIG SUCCESS**

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that every one thoroughly enjoyed each message that was given.

The only thing that now remains for us as students to do is to wish the next Glee club all the success that this year's club has had, and if possible, more. Here's to you 1918.

Be wise!

"Papa, the little boy next door says his father wants to know if he can use our lawn mower for a little while."

"You may tell the little boy, Bobbie, to tell his father that we shall be glad to let him use our mower whenever he likes, but be sure to tell him that he musn't take it out of our yard."—Ex.

"What's that thing, Doc?"

"That's the medicine-ball I bought you."

"Then I'm afraid there is no hope for me."

"Why not?"

"I can never swallow that."—Ex.

Salesman—Yes, lady, we sold these shirt-waists for \$2 each last week, but for this sale we make a reduction of 50 per cent. The price is now only \$1.98.

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(73-1y) I. N. BRAINERD, M. D.