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OPEN HOUSE HELD AT WRIGHT HALL

Affair Given Last Saturday
in College Life.
Night a Memorable Event

They say we have spring showers in April, and again they say that it never rains but it pours. Certainly Wright Hall has had some kind of a deluge these last few days. To the passing stranger it might perhaps have been a guess as to whether a New York tenement was moving in or moving out. And why this turning of things inside out? Why this maelstrom of swirling dust and flying rugs, of scurrying feet and waving dusters?

By Saturday afternoon you might have guessed the reason. Especially when, under the supervision of Miss Dorothy Reed, the large reception room began to lose its staid, everyday appearance, and to take on some of the loveliness of spring. Certainly Miss Reed had a happy thought in bringing a bit of the outdoors inside, and of suggesting the bright splashes and bold colors of spring flowers on her decorations. Great baskets of pussy willows banked the fireplace and filled the corners. Pussies, pussies everywhere—as some said, you could fairly "smell 'em." The windows and mantel were banked with maiden hair ferns and big, sturdy geraniums. In happy contrast to this gay pink were the side lights, transformed by green and yellow crepe paper into perky daffodils. The green and yellow was carried out in the booth at the foot of the stairs. It was certainly lovely under its canopy, with the snowy white lunch cloths, and its suggestion of good things to eat.

And still you might be wondering why all this festiveness. But if you had again stepped into the reception room at eight o'clock, you would have had no doubt but that this was a big event for which Wright Hall had made such preparations.

There have been many pleasant social affairs this semester, but Wright Hall Open House given on Saturday evening, April 12, will be one of the memorable events. There were, perhaps, a hundred and fifty people present, including the college men and women, members of the faculty, and many guests. For about half an hour, it was a laughing, chattering crowd. About eight-thirty, however, Mr. Finlayson announced that the Grand March would begin. Miss Gladys Ball struck up the strains of a stirring march, and led by Miss Conkey and our new coach, Mr. Fields, the long line started. From floor to floor the procession filed. Far up the broad stairway a single candle could be seen glimmering on a window. Whether it was a beacon light or a signal could not be determined until, upon reaching the ascent to the fourth floor, it was found lighting the way to the "Ethereal City" where were the "Celestial Apartments." The "Vestibule" of the "Celestial Apartments" was prettily trimmed with yellow streamers, palms, and candles. And in the distance could be seen Mount Discord and Mount Harmony.

By this time the company had gotten far away from even the echoes of the music, and the long line had begun to split up into little groups which went from room to room. The girls' rooms had been made spick and span, and a special note of cheerfulness and hominess was added by flowers and potted plants which were found in almost every room. Of course, some critics insisted that they found dust on the mouldings, and Bob

Adams and some others of the "upper-crust" found transoms that could be written on; but of course we would all expect Bob to "stoop" to inspect as low a detail as a transom. There was but one jarring note that rose above the merry laughter and banter, and that was the ear-splitting blasts that were heard intermittently from somewhere down by the stairway at the west end. We found later that they were the result of amateur demonstrations upon Florence Thompson's trombone. Perhaps, they were trying to drown out the uke, which had enticed such a merry crowd into room 76.

Well, just as all things do not go on forever, neither could this informal part of the evening, enjoyable as it was. At nine-thirty the house-bell summoned everybody to the reception room again, where there was a great treat in store. Everyone was told to take seats, for the evening was to be closed with a little program. The program was found to be both big and little, with Bob Adams and Billy Amos as the classical actors. Perhaps the "hit" of the evening was scored by Coach Field with his saxophone, and Mr. Bell as soloist, backed by Pelton at the piano. The trio was certainly enjoyed. Then came the girl's quartette, the Misses Green, Hawes, Moore, and Forrester. Then came Lee Sharrar, who never disappoints us, and his reading, although he apologized for the "age" of it, was especially clever. The men's quartette was greatly appreciated by all, especially their encore. Virginia pleased us with her reading in French dialect, and the fierceness of her "such a beeg" desire for revenge. We cannot say whether she found life with "Francois" happy ever afterwards, but we did feel that, in her second reading, she was sincere in her stirring warning to all men to beware of the dangers of a super-educated household. After these numbers, a mock trial was staged. It would take a separate volume to describe it, so one can only touch upon the high spots and the colorful characters. Surely everyone will agree that Bob as judge, and Billy Amos as "constable," and and Wilhelmine as court typist took the honors there. Of course one couldn't help but blush a little at the shameless way in which "Willie" flirted with the whole court, and at her lack of propriety about gum and looking-glasses. Even the judge commented upon it. It was a long trial, and there were many conflicting witnesses, but Dean Roberts apparently cinched the evidence for the defense, especially when she put her foot right down and declared the character of young Kern was "irreproachable." Since the prosecution did not attempt to discredit her testimony on the common ground of low mentality, it was allowed to stand. Notwithstanding Dean Roberts' efforts in behalf of the defense, and the jury's verdict of not guilty, Judge Adams imposed a sentence of 90 days in the Ga Ga, and a fine of 100 Samoleans.

No one realized how late it had grown; but there was still time for refreshments, and everyone was served with ice cream and wafers. Then good-nights were said, and the happy laughter and chatter died away, and only the echoes of memories remained as a reminder of this never-to-be-forgotten evening.

A Camouflage Grace

Little Harry—(after eating his meager ration of bread and margarine)—"Must I say grace, mama?"
Mama—"Of course, darling."
Little Harry—"Well, you said God could read our thoughts, and if I say I'm thankful he'll know darn well what a 'bominable little liar I am!"—
London Tit-Bits.

All out for Mt. Pleasant, Wednesday!

THE TRACK

Chances Are Good for a Field Meet This Year.

With the promises of the Intercollegiate Field Meet being held this year after it had been suspended during the period of the war, Alma must begin the building of a track team. Only one man is left in school who has ever won a point at Albion and that is Warner, so a whole new track team must be built up. We have a fine coach in track as well as baseball, for Coach Field was a star track man in the M. I. A. A. At present he holds the M. I. A. A. record for the running broad jump at 22 ft. 5 in. Not much is known what track material is available as no line has been kept on the men the past few years. Anderson seems to be a real track man and while in high school won several meets single handed. He entered almost every event then, but now he will have to choose a few events and stick to them. He looks best in the weights. Jackson will be out for the sprints and shows up well now. Johnson also is very speedy in the short distances as well as being good in the jumps. Richards has been out for several weeks and is rapidly getting into shape for the distance runs. Other men who are out are Johnstone, Davies, Ardis, Thompson. Everyone should be out immediately as the field meet is less than two months away, and Alma must be represented by a team that will hold her own at Albion. Remember that track is just as important as any other sports and let us make Alma show up in every branch of sport in the same manner that she used to before the Intercollegiate Field Meets were postponed.

MET IN ALMA

Women's Presbyterian Convention Was Held Here.

On Thursday and Friday of last week the Women's Presbyterian convention of Home and Foreign Missions was held in Alma. A large number of delegates were present at this conference and the speakers included officers of the state association. Miss Silverthorn of Chicago, who is secretary of Central Field, was present and after meeting with the delegates at the convention gave several very acceptable talks to the girls of the college. She spoke to the Y. W. C. A. cabinet particularly in the interests of the social service work in China.

Mrs. J. K. Mitchell, who is president of the Women's Home Missionary society of the Michigan Synod, spoke in chapel on Friday morning and proved very interesting. It is often that the students enjoy the talks of various men who have helped to found and to keep Alma college founded, but it is seldom that they have the pleasure of listening to one of the women. Mrs. Mitchell's talk was particularly interesting from this standpoint.

Several social affairs were arranged for the delegation. A tea was given by the college Y. W. C. A. Thursday afternoon, and in the evening a Missionary Pageant was given at the church, a number of the college students taking part. The meetings and speakers at the convention and the conference itself seem to have been very successful.

SEASON OPENS

The baseball season opens Wednesday, April 16, with "Chief" Nevitt's aggregation from Mt. Pleasant. Let's get a good rousing gang out for the game and make a good starter of our baseball schedule.

Beatrice Koepfen received a visit last week from her brother, Leslie, who returned from France a short time ago.

INTERESTING TALK

Mrs. Silverthorn Speaks to the Young Women of the College.

Mrs. Silverthorn, who was one of the speakers at the conference of the Women's Home and Foreign Mission Boards in Alma last week, was interested enough in the Y. W. C. A. to speak to the Wright Hall girls last Thursday evening.

The main theme of her talk was that of the girls in other colleges. To impress upon our thoughts the real value of our college education, she asked us "Why do you come to college?" and then she went on to say that in most cases girls studied higher learning because of their own choice and disposition. But the girls of other countries, especially in the Orient, are not so blessed. China has coped with the educational problems of her country well as far as boys are concerned, yet her girls are in ignorance. Ninety-eight per cent of all males in Japan have at least sixth grade education, yet nothing is done for its girls. The privilege, to us, as college girls, has come; the chance to help girls in other lands is here.

Yale college has planted and supported the Union Christian college in Chang Sha province. This Yale mission is helping men in gaining a higher education but no women are admitted. Yet the Christian world is doing something for those girls. In Nanking, China, is the first Christian college for women in that part of the world. Miss Martha Thurston a Mt. Holyoke graduate, is its president. Another such college is found in Madras, India. On April '18, in Tokio, Japan, the most recent school has been established. It is this school that the college women of America are asked to help. The girls there are developing rapidly and are enjoying regular American activities. The Y. W. C. A. is one of the strongest social factors. At present there is needed \$75,000 for the erection of buildings on the campus. The college women of America are asked for \$20,000 for a resident hall for the students there. Are we willing? The mothers of the girls are giving to the limit, their friends are giving more than they are able. Shall we not be their friends, too, and add our mite to the cause of womanhood?

Y. W. C. A. TEA

Girls Were Hostesses at Reception to Delegates.

Last Thursday afternoon the members of the Y. W. C. A. enjoyed the honor of being hostesses at a tea given in honor of the delegates of the Women's Presbyterian convention which was held in Alma last week. The reception room of Wright Hall was filled with prominent women and eager girls, who enjoyed meeting one another. With Miss McConkey presiding over the teacups and samovar and with the freshmen girls as waitresses, our guests were soon served with the tea and wafers.

But the number present and the refreshments were the smallest account. The main thing was the privilege of meeting women of such influence in the church and of such varied experience. They were all friends of Alma college, some having even sons and daughters who were its graduates. Their interest was more than a passing one; it was as closely personal to them as it is and will be to us. Everyone was at ease and girls made new friends and renewed old friendships.

The Y. W. C. A. girls appreciated the fact that these busy women would give them of their time and they eagerly invite them to enjoy their hospitality at some future time.

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OUTLOOK GOOD FOR A WINNER

The Large Squad Makes Our Chances Look Encouraging for the 1919 Season.

A large number of men have responded to Coach Field's call for baseball men, and the chances for a successful season and a third successive championship look very promising to say the least. The coach not only has a very good nucleus to build around but has the most promising material in the freshman class that an Alma coach has had in years. Very few of last year's team have left school, and with the new material Alma should again finish at the top of the ladder in the intercollegiate, a place that she seems to have come into the habit of aspiring. Also she is especially fortunate in securing the services of Coach Field who is no novice at any line of the game, as any old Alma man will attest for it is the same Field that was always causing her so much trouble at Albion a few years ago.

The old men that will be back are Capt. Fitch, who reentered school this semester after being in the army. He will be back on the job behind the plate and his presence will not only help the old men but will do wonders in steadying the new men on the infield and also the new pitchers. Tomion is also a catcher and can be called on in an emergency. Boyne is another old man who is still on the job and no Alma fan needs to be told what "Eddie" did to all the intercollegiate teams last year. He, as usual, will be the main stay of the pitching staff. Ardis and Warner will be seen at their accustomed places on the infield, first and third, respectively, and are in a good position to steady the new men on second and short. These men have been through one or more championship campaigns and can be depended upon to hold up their end. Only one veteran remains in the outfield, Pelton, but he is a whole outfield in himself. Pelton always was very consistent and that is what counts on any ball team.

The pitching staff has been considerably strengthened this year by the acquisition of Crittenden, who last year was the star pitcher of Howell. He will be a great help to the team this year especially with a veteran catcher to help him. Cash is also back in school and can be depended upon to take care of his share. "Bill" Richards also is back and will help to round out the best pitching staff that we have had for some time. At second base, Tomion, another Howell lad, seems to have the call but the season is just getting under way and no one can be sure of any position as yet. "Tommy" looks good, however, and handles the ball in a clean manner and acts like a hitter. At short there is a wealth of material to choose from, and the position that was weak last year on the team will be well taken care of this year. Dunning and Williams are the two that are staging the fight for the position at the present and there is very little to choose between the two. They both handle the ball cleanly and although Williams seems to be the better hitter, Dunning makes up in fielding what he lacks at the plate. The chances for a star outfield are fine. Pelton will be ably assisted by such men as Johnson, Sartor, Sturt ridge, F. Smith, Tebo, G. Richards and others. Johnson is a new man who is showing up very favorable despite the fact that he has returned from France only recently. He is fast and

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NOTICE

All material for the Almanian except week end happenings should be in the Almanian box by the Friday noon preceding the issue for which it is intended. It is important that all who contribute bear this in mind.

"THE CREATION"

For some years it has been customary for our music department to render some cantata or some other special music at commencement time. Last year certain commencement events were necessarily omitted, but this year we are attempting to revive our old customs in all phases of college activities.

For our commencement cantata, Professor Hosmer has selected "The Creation," by Handyn. The interest which has been shown this wonderful work certainly is not very gratifying, if we may judge from the attendance at Choral Club meetings. The attempt has been to have a union chorus, the town people uniting with the college students in the rendering of this composition. While the town people have not turned out as numerous as was expected, nevertheless, this fact offers no excuse for the absence of college people.

Not all of the students even, who signed up for the Choral Club, have been attending. A large number of voices are still needed, especially bass and tenor voices. Every singer is eligible. The chorus meets every Tuesday evening at 7:00 o'clock, whether special announcement has been made of it or not. Certainly we should be interested in this and in making it one of the successes of commencement week. Everyone should come to the practices and come regularly; otherwise the cantata cannot be given.

THE TENNIS COURTS

There has been a great deal of discussion around the campus as to whether the tennis courts are all going to be put into condition this year. At present there are only two courts that are in any kind of shape at all, and with the number of men and women desiring to play the facilities are not at all adequate. Every other college has far more courts than we have, so a movement should be started to equip the four courts that we have. If we expect to turn out any tennis team we must at least have courts to practice on. Why not have a team that will defeat Olivet in tennis as well as in any other sport? The women of the college cannot play baseball nor can they come out for track so why not give them the same chance for athletics as the men. They pay the same amount into the athletic fund, and why not give them at least a part of the benefits? The courts have been very crowded and many have had to give up playing as there was no room for them. It is to be hoped that the courts will be fixed up at once.

CAMPUS DAY

Are you thinking seriously of a Campus Day program? May will soon be here and if we are going to have a jolly good time on Campus Day, we will need to get an early start. Why not have something unusual this spring? This is a year of construction as well as reconstruction, and if we make our plans early enough we will be able to construct a new and original Campus Day program. The Students' Activities Fund stands ready to support any feasible plan that may be adopted.

The time has come for suggestions. Do you favor a pageant, spring fete, picnic, etc.? Are you anxious to have a standing committee to take charge of Campus Day from year to year? If so, would it not be a good plan to talk it over and then organize such a

committee promptly that we may have a Campus Day that will mean real pleasure and real fun?

PROBLEMS OF LIFE

"The question of how life arose in a universe of dead matter is just as baffling a question to the ordinary mind, as how the universe itself arose." If we assume that Adrian wishes to focus attention upon herself the mystery is solved, but if it is something coming for nothing, there is an end to our problem. The way to achieve is to notice the little things and the big ones will take care of themselves. Adrian is an example of an enterprising college and if the answer to the query, "Whence came this increase in amount of available energy?" can be traced to the Michigan colleges they are indeed fulfilling part of their mission. The energy that is acquired by work is handed on and splendid results are foreboded.

Some of our readers may not foresee what this is about, but we would call their attention to Looney Bob's articles in the College World. That it is hard to fill up space in the papers at times we realize to be the truth, but knocking won't always last. "Knockers never win and winners never knock," is an apt adage. Adrian says that Alma is known throughout the state as the "school of sobbers." News men are always sure of attention when working up something emotional or sensational, which proves to be a method of roundabout attack.

We agree with Hillsdale that the right policy is not to participate in "mud slinging" but a little criticism now and then will never harm the best of men, and we are willing to live and learn.

OUR FRESHMEN

Every college paper in the country is discussing the conduct of their respective Freshmen classes. College traditions and customs in all these schools are being broken.

M. A. C. is to make a serious effort to get back to the brown peanut scoop and the "Hey, Fresh, where do you get that stuff?" in the next week. And may this effort be a serious one—a concentrated effort by every person in the school to instill in our Freshmen a love and respect for college customs.—Ex.

Michigan has answered the prohibition question in such a way that there will probably never be another attempt to throw the state wide open to liquor traffic. The amendment which was asked for by the liquor forces has been voted down by an overwhelming majority, and Michigan shall continue to keep her place on the list of dry states.

CORRECTION

The Almanian stated some time ago that Miss Hazel Crosby, who is assistant instructor in piano music, was graduated from Alma and studied in Ann Arbor. The article should have read that she "studied in Alma and was graduated from Ann Arbor."

ZETA SIGMA

The meeting of the Zeta Sigma Literary society was held Monday evening, April 7. Critics report was given by Edwin Boyne. Howard Handly gave a five-minute talk on "Who Rules Germany," and proved himself to be quite an orator. This was followed by an elaborate speech by Bob Adams, the title was, "My Relations to Labor." Bob says he likes work so well that he could lay down beside it and go to sleep. Burr Thompson followed with a talk on, "Review of the Irish Question." The talk was fine and all indications point to the fact that Thompson is a great lover of the Irish. Fred Moore gave an impromptu on "Aspects of Today's Election." An impromptu debate followed. The topic was "Resolved that after May 1, Freshmen shall wear green caps except on Sundays." The affirmative was taken by Kern, Richards and Kelly; the negative by Wyatt, Tebo and Hale. The affirmative won. No doubt the credit is due to the fact that R. O. Kern is an orator of great note. Much praise is due his talk which was worthy of a Daniel Webster the second.

The best way to keep one's ambition in good working order is to give it constantly new heights to scale. The best way to keep your standards up to the mark is to keep raising them. If you want to be sure that you are not losing ground, go ahead a little every day.

Help Alma wallop Hope, Friday.

MAY FESTIVAL

Excellent Talent for Ann Arbor May Festival.

Dr. Albert A. Stanley, musical director of the University Musical Society, announces the twenty-sixth May festival to be given at Hill auditorium on May 14, 15, 16 and 17. The program presented offers artists of exceptional talent.

Among the soloists are Rosa Ponselle of the Metropolitan Opera Company, Anna Fitzin of the Chicago Opera Company, Lois M. Johnson and Louise Homer of the Metropolitan Opera Company, Merle Alcock, Minerva Komenarski, Fernando Carpi, Robert R. Dieterle and Andres de Seguro of the Metropolitan and Chicago Opera Companies.

They offer an attractive program and will be supplemented by the Choral Union in presenting Faust and other numbers. Frederick Stock with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra as well as Ossip Gabrilowitsch, pianist and Charles M. Courboin and Earl V. Moore as organists, prophesy an excellent concert.

The whole festival is in the nature of a patriotic concert and is called the Victory Commemorative Festival. Practically all the artists are Americans.

TROPHY TRAIN

Large Number of Students Viewed Hun Souvenirs.

A large number of the students took advantage of the opportunity of visiting the exhibition of war trophies which was held here Sunday. The whippet tank, well camouflaged in blue and yellow paint was of chief interest. These whippet tanks are modeled after the French type of catapiller "baby" tanks and are very durable. They weigh six tons and are provided with a sixty-two horse power motor. The covering is steel armorplate five-eighths of an inch thick.

Among the other trophies on exhibition were anti-craft guns, siege guns, French 75's, trench mortars, grenades, torpedoes, helmets and breast-plate, which were taken in battle.

The exhibition train was brought here in the interests of the Victory Loan and is part of the drive that is being made in the city for the coming Liberty Loan.

IS SUCCEEDING

Coach Bleamaster is Doing Well at the University of Idaho.

Coach Bleamaster, who preceded Coach Helmer here, is meeting with excellent success as coach at the University of Idaho. His sturdy five on the basket ball floor have made a remarkable record, gaining 1000 points in two years. Under his able coaching they have held the Northwest championship for two years and were the victors in 23 out of 27 games, averaging 39 points per game to their opponents 24 points.

This is an extraordinary record and speaks well for Coach Bleamaster, who is certainly living up to the record he established while in Alma.

DRIVE IS ON

Victory Loan Campaign is Progressing Well.

"Coach Tar" Robinson has taken charge of the Victory Liberty Loan drive in Gratiot county and is getting a good start in his campaign. "Coach" Robinson had seen active service in France before the United States entered the war. Returning to this country when his term of enlistment expired, he immediately enlisted again in the U. S. army, receiving his commission as lieutenant in the aviation section. His experiences overseas make him a very suitable leader for this campaign.

RECEIVES COMMISSION

Word has been received here that Isadore Friedman, '17, has received his commission as lieutenant in aviation in France. "Issy," as he has always been known in Alma, has been in France about a year and a half. While in Alma "Issy" was one of the most popular of her students. He was a member of Phi Phi Alpha and was also president of the society at one time. He was also business manager of the Almanian and of the "Maroon and Cream."

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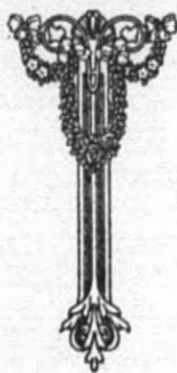
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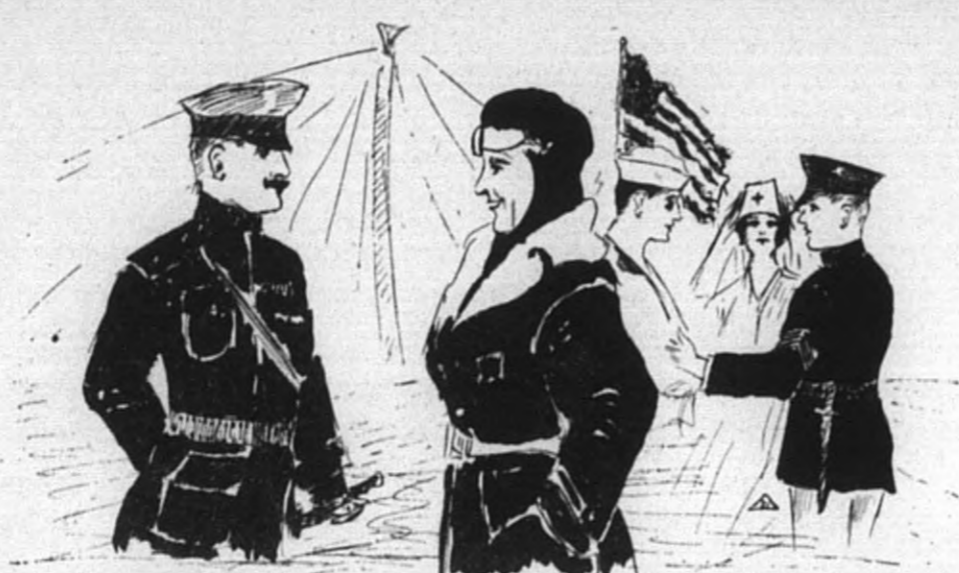
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* * * Everything is new, even the cold weather, for which Russia is noted. We have had some cold weather—yes, real cold weather, about 36 degrees below by the Russian thermometer. That would make it about 49 degrees below by ours, and that is cold enough for most of us.

One thing about Russia that is beautiful is the sunrise, that is if it rises. (For a time we thought the sun must have been lost). These sunrises are rare, and that helps to make them more beautiful. However, the colors which shine through the sky are wonderful. Purple and orange seem to be dominating colors.

I could go on and on describing Russia and Russian ways, but I can talk better than I can write, (or at least I hope so), so I will wait until I see the station at Alma, that is, if a boxcar is not hiding it from view. As I am the only one in the engineers from Alma, I get my share of kidding and of course I try to hand it back, aided by two fellows from Flint.

As the nights are long here we sometimes indulge in would-be poetry or, as I should say, a rare mixture of take-offs on the great poets. Here is a sample of one—I believe you can guess who the author of the real poem was:

In Soldier Slang
"When of bully your tired, and you're getting plumb wild,
For the taste of a real apple pie,
And your tummy does ache for Yankee pancake,
And Mulligan's a sore to the eye;
The mess-sergeant's yell brings thoughts of 'Oh, Hell!'
But self-starvation is barred;
You've had lots of woe; Oh, it's easy to blow,
Its' the 'bill' served for breakfast that's hard.
You're sick of the stuff, and even plum-duff
That comes in tin cans is a fright;
And, the oodles of tea that they've shipped o'er the sea
Makes you rave and go bugs in the night.
What you'd give to have a cup of real Java
Would buy all of Russia, old pard.
But draw on your grit, it's so easy to quit,
It's the drinking this tea-stuff that's hard.
It's easy to cry that you like it, and lie,
But 'tis hard to take what you get,
And to howl and to fight when the chow heaves in sight,
Why, that's the worst dodge of all yet.
And though one does feel, after each gruelling meal,
All empty and painful and jarred,
Just have one more try—it's dead easy to die,
It's the keeping-on-eating that's hard."

This is not a real classic but there is a heap of truth in it—perhaps I'll have to explain some of the terms, but I think your imagination will come to your aid.

I am keeping copies of all these poems—I don't know what to call them—and I have a rare collection at present. I have one especially good about the creation of Russia but my censorship can't pass it (O. K.)ed as it deals with mighty things though it was written only in fun. Maybe later (I believe we will be here for some time) I will muster up the judge and send it along wondering what your censorship will be.

I am at a front on the left wing at present and have been here for—well this is the fourth month—we ought to get a rest soon. Many are the nights as I sit by a stove, being quartered in a Russian home, that I laugh as I smoke and think of the trials and stunts that happened at

old Alma college. Even sometimes I think of the time I with seven others stood on the carpet before the Captain, charged with disorderly conduct.—"Guilty in a way" was the plea and light was the sentence. Thanks to all the powers that be.

I am going on "patrol" tonight, that is, very early in the morning, so I must close and here's hoping that Alma has the best year, in everything, that she has ever had.

A. A. Gaffney,
Cpt. R. A. Gaffney, Co. B, 1Bn., 301st Engineers, American Northern Russia Expeditionary Force, Archangel, Russia.

ALUMNI

Alger Wood, '15, who is in the 340th unit of the 85th Division, landed in New York about ten days ago and is now in Camp Upton.

Ray Beshgetoor, class of '17, is visiting friends and relatives in Alma for a few days before going to the U. of M. at Ann Arbor. Mr. Beshgetoor was a "fellow" at the University last year but did not complete his course. At the beginning of this year he was Radio instructor at Yale university, but after the armistice was signed he began work for the General Electric Co., of Schenectady, N. Y. and is now on leave of absence to complete his course at Ann Arbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Porter of Aurora, Ill., are visiting friends and relatives in Alma for a short time. Mr. Porter is teaching science in the Aurora high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cook were Alma visitors a few days last week. Mr. Cook, who is ranked as a student officer although he has not yet received his commission as ensign, is now in the Brooklyn Naval Hospital with the mumps instead of being on his way to France as he expected.

Adelaide Ballon, class of '17, is teaching mathematics in the high school at Marshall, Mich.

Eleanor Currie, Kg. '18, who is teaching in Detroit, was a guest of Charlotte Hawes over the week end.

Katherine VanLopik of Grand Haven was a guest of Mildred McConkey during the week end.

Don Smith is back in school after an absence of almost two years. He looks to be in as good shape as ever.

1st Lt. John A. B. Macaulay better known to all Alma students as "Frim" and 2nd Lt. Mark Spinney both of the class of '17, and who have been stationed at Camp Custer for over a year and a half have been transferred to the 49th Inf. at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. They expect to receive their discharge in the near future.

FROEBEL

The Froebel society held their regular meeting on Monday, April 7, 1919. After taking care of the business matters a debate was given by six of the girls. The question was: "Resolved that Russia Should Disintegrate." The affirmative was taken by Claudia Swanson, Grace Rice and Rosella Benson, while the negative side was brought out very well by Edith Doty, Eunice Thompson and Beulah Garland. To those listening it was very hard to decide which would win as all of the girls were very good and both sides gave very good points. But when the decision of the judges was given the negative side carried.

After the debate Dorris Dean gave a very interesting paper on the "Life of Tolstoy," bringing out the most important events of his life in a very interesting way. The motion for adjournment was then made and the society yell given.

Alma's first debate, Friday!

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PHI PHI ALPHA

The society meeting of April 7th was opened by prayer by Mr. Wenger. After a short business meeting, the literary program was taken up. Emberson Ardis read a very interesting paper on "The Effect of the World War on American Literature." In this he discussed the effect of earlier wars on literature, and from these earlier results depicted what the literature of the future would be.

The society was fortunate in having two old members with them. Mr. Fred Porter, '17, gave a very fine talk on old reminiscences and then turned his attention to the "Shooting of Wells in Kansas." He went into the minute details of the work which proved to be very instructive as well as interesting. At present he is instructor of Physics in the high school at Aurora, Ill.

Mr. Ray Beshgetoor, '17, who is home from the University of Michigan, also gave us a very interesting talk on the work he had been doing during the period of the war at Yale University. His talk dealt with the wireless telegraph and wireless telephone. For the past few weeks Mr. Beshgetoor has been taking work at the university. We were pleased to hear from them both and are always glad to have the old members with us.

After the critic's report and adjournment we were invited down to DeLuxe by the old members where we were served in true Phi Phi Alpha style. Our assistant janitor, Marshall Richards, then felt inclined to do his duty at the European Cafe.

All in all a very enjoyable and profitable evening was spent.

Y. W. C. A.

Sunday afternoon the girls of Y. W. C. A. enjoyed a most interesting meeting on "Social Service." Miss Florence Thompson was the leader. After a short song service Miss Thompson opened the discussion by speaking of the leaders who were carrying on, at present, and were to carry on in the future, the principle responsibilities in the social world. The necessary requirements of a leader is always present in the individual, and if the possessor is conscious of his gift, he should utilize it for good. Then Miss Harrison spoke on the understanding of human nature as the basis of more efficient service. Geneva Curren, also gave a very fine sketch of the meaning of conducting our lives on as high a sphere of life as possible, and emphasized the college woman's increased importance in keeping her life on a higher plane than that of the uneducated woman.

Miss Thompson then sketched the social work which was being done in the industrial centers. Playgrounds, parks, and gymnasiums were the themes of a short talk by Miss Mitchell. Miss Thompson ended the discussion by speaking of the needs for trained men and women, who would work with the people in the segregated parts of our large cities. The need for men and women who would dedicate their lives in the service for society. Mrs. Priest closed the meeting with a prayer.

PHILOMATHEAN

Philomathean literary society held its regular meeting on Monday evening, April 7. The meeting was called to order by the president, and roll call was responded to by an interesting fact about Sweden. A business meeting was then held. The program for the evening was based on Sweden and Swedish literature. A review of the book "Gosta Berling," by Selma Lagerlof, as representative of Swedish fiction, was given by Jean Jackson. In her review of this book, Miss Jackson brought out admirably the local color, the old Swedish customs and superstitions, besides the main thought of the story—the assertion that moral redemption lies in personal service. Because of the lack of time, the rest of the program was postponed. The meeting was then adjourned until Monday evening, April 14.

Too Expensive

"There ought to be only one head to any family," shouted the orator. "That's true," replied a married-looking man. "I've just paid for hats for nine daughters."—People's Home Journal.

Mrs. Ned Hamilton was a Wright Hall guest last week.

Help Alma wallop Hope, Friday.

ALPHA THETA

The Alpha Theta literary society met as usual on Monday evening, April 7. Roll call was answered by facts concerning the life and compositions of Richard Wagner. The impromptu, "Public Men in Music," was given by Helen Stroup and "The People's Institute Sowing Seed for True American Folk Music," by Rosella Smalldon. Pearl Cashmore read an interesting paper on "The Music Drama." Vernie Green read the story, "The Song of the Nibelung," and played several selections on the Victrola, of compositions based upon this story. It was greatly enjoyed by all and increased the interest in the study of Wagner's works.

OUTLOOK GOOD FOR A WINNER

(Continued from page one) hits them in good style and as soon as the newness wears off he will be very valuable.

Coach Field had a practice game for his men last Friday with Ithaca. The team had no trouble in winning 13-7. It was a poor baseball day so he let them all play a few minutes and worked no one very hard. It enabled him to get a line on his men in action although only for a short time. We predict a most successful year for Alma and let's get every student out and get behind the team and show the team that we are behind them. It means work for the team and let's show them that we appreciate the fact.

GETS SERVICE CROSS

It is of interest to Alma students to hear that Private Elmer Vern Rice, brother of Grace Rice, and of Lynn Rice, who lectured here last fall, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action in the Bois D'Argremon, France. During the intense artillery fire preceding the German attack of July 15, Private Rice volunteered to carry a message through a wood which was being heavily bombarded. After this he continued to search for wounded men, exposing himself to the heaviest fire. Private Rice is only nineteen years old.

Y. M. C. A.

A very interesting meeting of the Y. M. C. A. was held last Thursday evening. Howard Otto was the leader and his subject was "Faith." He discussed his subject in an interesting and instructive manner. He showed how it is only through faith that we have our religion and how we must have faith to believe the word of God. We not only need faith in all of the different businesses of life but it is just as important that we exercise faith in our study of God's word. The "Y" meetings are progressing in a pleasing manner and it is hoped that the interest that is manifested will continue to grow and then our meetings will be of great benefit to all.

CHAPEL NOTES

Mrs. J. K. Mitchell, president of the Women's Home Missionary society of the Synod of Michigan led chapel exercises on Friday morning. Mrs. Mitchell was here at the Presbyterian Convention of Home and Foreign Mission boards, and the talk which she gave on unselfishness and "Witnessing for Others" was very helpful and interesting.

On Monday the Reverend Mr. Sykes of Grosse Pointe spoke on "Scotland and the Scotch." His lecture was very much appreciated. A more detailed account of it cannot be given until next week.

On Friday, April 25, the Reverend Mr. Van Wyke of Bay City will speak in the chapel at the regular hour for chapel services.

CURRENT HISTORY

Mrs. Stroup of Grand Rapids was the guest of her daughter for a few days last week.

Last Friday Myrddyn Davies and Thomas Jackson left for Albion for a Y. M. C. A. conference. This conference consists of representatives of all the Y. M. C. A.'s of the colleges of the state and the purpose is to discuss how the organization can be strengthened and a maximum amount of good can be accomplished. Both of these men are very strong in this line of work and it is expected that our own Y. M. C. A. will be materially strengthened next year on account of their attending this conference.

Alma versus Hope, Friday!

CAMPUS BREEZES

"Jimmie" Mitchell is taking lessons in the pronunciation of French names from Mlle. Marie Louise.

Doctor MacCurdy must have been absent-minded when he went to Schoolmasters' club, for he was seen wandering around with his hat on backwards.

Pete Pelton is cutting his wisdom teeth. Is that where he gets that intelligent look? Huh?

"Jimmie"—Mr. Barnhardt, why are you late?

Barney—There are no bells in Pioneer.

Beshgetoor (butting in)—There are too, bells there, but they don't work.

Wonders of the Baseball Team

Eddie's teastrainer.
Warner's excuses.
Tubby Sartor's left hand.
Dunning's black eye.
Jimmie Hale's rubber glove.
Cutie's looks.
Bullet's line.
Coach's coat.

We'll have to send Senator Fitch down to Lansing about Wednesday in order to transact all his business so that he will be able to play by Saturday.

The last member of the Tite Family is Regeneration, who is very attached to his "Maw."

Judge Adams has a very tender heart but he can't resist a smoke.

The fair-haired stenographer surely made a hit at the trial Saturday evening. If she had been a witness the case would have been lost.

Jimmie Hale says that there has been a new automatic sprinkler installed in Wright Hall.

Miss Katherine Walley and Miss Dorothy Sherwood of Kalkaska were guests of Claire Whalley over the week end.

Alma versus Hope, Friday!

SPORTLIGHT

Tennis courts are being put in condition. It is planned to equip more courts this year on account of the increased interest shown.

Track men are coming out and are getting into shape. Coach Field desires all men intending to come out for track this year to report at once.

Baseball outlook is good. A large baseball squad looks encouraging.

The diamond is being worked into shape for the first game.

Our first game is with Mt. Pleasant next Wednesday. Let's have everyone out and give the team a real start. They need the crowd with them. Remember the Kazoo basketball game.

All who are interested in tennis should begin practicing at once as the intention is to start the tournament early this year.

In the game last Friday "Emmy" Ardis showed that he still had the batting eye that won us the championship last year. The first time up he lifted one clear over the fence and hit the next one just as hard—only the fence stopped it.

Johnson, a new man, showed up good. He hit a nice one the first time up and looks like a real addition to the team.

Pelton pulled a long one into right field for three sacks. It looked natural to see him touching them all as he went around.

"Crit" did fine work and had no difficulty in keeping out of trouble. With "Bullet" to coach him he is going to be a valuable man.

Hope for the best, prepare for the worst and take what comes.

"There's a meter dactylic iambic,
There's a meter for gas and hate;
But the meet'er to me most romantic
Is to meet'er alone at the gate."
—Ex.

The Talehour

WEDNESDAY

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—in—

"SPEDY MEADE"

also Billy Parsons comedy
"Bill's Sweetie"

THURSDAY

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—in—

"UNDER THE TOP"

Also Fatty Arbuckle in "Love"

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"THE SECRET GARDEN"

Also another day of "Fatty" in
"Love"

SATURDAY

Maurice Tourneur's
Master Production
"SPORTING LIFE"

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"THE CAVELL CASE"

SATURDAY

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