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JOLLY THANKS- GIVING SPENT

Parties, Play, Work and Big
Dinner Mark Season
of Delight.

As the last whistle of the Pere Marquette and Ann Arbor railroad faded away and the trains were but streaks on the distant horizon, we looked at each other in blank dismay and hope seemed to have taken wings. There were all our brothers and sisters—gone—and we—but a handful of folks—stranded in Alma for five long days. Thanksgiving vacations, too! The world looked dark and as we walked home from the depot we felt chilly.

Suddenly we stopped—someone laughed and the tension was broken. Why—we were going to have a good time! This was no way to behave—why not take a joyful, positive attitude toward the whole affair? With the realization our hopes went up like mercury in a thermometer.

Thanksgiving morning dawned with a burst of glory. The earth seemed radiant—it was one of those perfect days. Life was good and on this particular day in all its beauty, we were reminded anew of what it meant and gratitude to the Giver of all good and perfect gifts was expressed in our going to the union Thanksgiving service at the Episcopal church. Dr. Jackson talked to us about the goodness of life and the need of our responding to all life's wonders.

Then came the talked of, dreamed of dinner. We drew the tables together in form of a T and when we sat down we felt very much at home. The tables were beautifully decorated. It might be well to say here that the decorations were very practical, inasmuch as they were edible. Edward and Van were struck—by an ideal. They secured a huge squash in form of a boat, scooped out the insides, made a real sail and Betty christened the Mayflower by filling it with lovely flowers. That was our prime centerpiece. Then came the eats. We started at 2:00 p. m. and finished at 4:00. Six courses. The finest turkeys in the land graced our tables. They willingly died for such honorable personages. And the pies! Puddings! Candy! Fruit! We ate as though we were famished. Our two Serbian friends found no difficulty in expressing themselves when it came to a reloading of plates. Mary Louise acted as interpreter. Dean Roberts wondered what Blanche and Mabel were laughing at. Better ask them. And if you wish you may tell us what the word in French is for "squash," and how one should properly say "no thank you, I have had my sufficiency." Edward was smiling happily because he had enough to eat and Miss Albertson beamed. Dean Roberts wasn't on her guard for she fell victim to too many jokes. The only drawback to the occasion was our sorrow for the swipes. They didn't have a chance to eat until 4 p. m. (that doesn't say what went on behind the friendly scenes and on the side lines.) By Dean Roberts' expression throughout the meal, we knew that she was hiding something up her sleeve and the surprised broke toward the end of the banquet when she smilingly announced that Mrs. Notstein invited us all over for the evening to engage in a regular taffy pull. We were all on deck at 8 p. m. Such candy! Rolls of taffy, like spun gold, merriment, games—we can't stop to describe. Suffice it to say that we laughed all the way home and woke up laughing in the night. Friday was spent in hikes, chats, victrola concerts and general loafing. Oh—some of us worked, but the work

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Second Lyceum Number

Wednesday, December 17, 1919

8:15 p. m.

Handel's "Messiah"

Rendered by

Alma College Choral Society

Albert Hosmer, Conductor

Assisted by—

WILLIAM WHEELER, Tenor, Ann Arbor
HELEN MOORE, Soprano, Wells College
MISS DOOLITTLE, Contralto, Mt. Pleasant

ALMA'S OPPORTUNITY!

The rather wide-spread interest in oratory in Alma college has elicited a fine response on the part of certain friends of Alma who are eager to challenge the college to live up to her high ideals in oratory and debate. Through the generosity of President Crooks, Dr. MacDowell, Dr. Spencer, and others, pecuniary rewards for honest effort have been added to the personal satisfactions secured in public speaking, and as a result, the young men and women who enter the coming contests in January will find an added stimulus in working for the rewards offered. The winners of the contests for both men and women will receive a first prize of twenty-five dollars, and a second prize of ten dollars. The victors will represent Alma in the State Oratorical contest to be held later in the spring.

In addition to the rewards named, two other prizes are offered to students interested in the field of oratory. In Professor Brokenshire's department, Dr. Spencer of Ionia has given the sum of twenty-five dollars for the best oration on the Bible, or on a subject connected with the missionary efforts of the Church. Since the mission field of today appeals to the love of high adventure in the student, it ought not to be difficult to write an oration around the heroic exploits of the missionaries who in the trying fields of the East, distinguished themselves as Christian heroes.

The General Board of Education of the Presbyterian church has also entered the field and has added another prize of twenty-five dollars to our list. This reward is to be given to the young man who writes the best essay on the general subject of "Opportunities of the Christian Ministry." At least six men must enter the contest, and the essays are to become the property of the Board of Education.

With these many opportunities in oratory facing Alma students, no capable man or woman should refuse to face the issue on the plea of "no time." The writing of a good oration or essay demands labor. But the reward in the growth of confidence and platform ability will more than repay the student for his outlay of energy.

ELECTRIC DEVELOPMENT IN JAPAN

It is stated that there are 715 electrical utility undertakings in Japan, including 625 power plants, 42 electric railways, and 48 companies operating both power plants and tramways. This is an increase of 40 companies over last year and evidences the growing popularity of electricity in that country.

MAROON AND CREAM

There are some of the students as well as the alumni and friends of the college who do not exactly appreciate the fact that we are going to make a great effort toward an annual this year.

The plans are laid, our contracts are signed up and the sales contracts are now at your disposal. The terms are very fair with a sales price of two dollars and fifty cents, of which sum one dollar is to be paid upon signing the contract and the balance with the delivery of the book next spring. And when I say next spring, I am in earnest for we are really trying to place the publication in your hands during the month of May. Of course the staff will be powerless to go ahead unless the support of the student body is granted in the form of contracts signed and delivered.

There is more for the students to do. In a day or so there will be a box placed in the lower hall of the administration building in which all the jokes of the year should be dropped, from which will be selected the best for publication. If you remember any good ones that have appeared already this year—just take a bit of time off and write them up. We will also gladly accept suggestions for the calendar, which must be written up with the attending date attached.

It is the intention of the staff to devote certain pages of the Maroon and Cream to an account of the affairs of the last two years, with material concerning the graduating classes during this period when no book was published. This should make the annual a prime necessity to all the members of the classes of '18 and '19. If any alumnus desiring a copy of the annual will write Howard Handley or Neil Calkins, at Pioneer Hall their wishes will be taken care of.

The staff stands ready to welcome any suggestions from outsiders concerning the Maroon and Cream and if you have good ideas do not hesitate to communicate them "toot sweet."

Those who are working on the annual and who expect your help are in charge of the various departments are: Editor, Lee Sharrar; bus. mgrs., Howard Handley and Neil Calkins; literary dept., Virginia Blick and Esther Friedrich; art, Marion Chick and Lyle Barnhart; Athletics, William Richards; Humor, Persis Robinson.

Sign and deliver your contracts! We want a Maroon and Cream and we know you do, so let's get together!

PHILO FAIR

The reception room put off its used prosaic appearance on Saturday afternoon and became the scene of the Philo Fair; not an ordinary "county fair" where pigs, pumpkins and bed-quits are displayed, but a fair where they sell things that seem to coax the money from one's pockets. At this time of year everyone is looking for Christmas presents so the dainty exhibits on the fancy-work counters were eagerly looked at. The Japanese booth was a center of interest; the floating fragrance of incense attracted passers-by to this corner of the Orient where, under hanging Japanese lanterns, kimona clad maidens sold curious Japanese articles.

A fair wouldn't seem complete without "eats" and the Philos provided amply to meet this need. At the counter near the fireplace coffee and hermito were sold and on the other side of the room was the "Eats Palace" where pie, cake, candy and other goodies were the attraction. A counter covered with taffy-apples introduced into the Michigan wilds this Chicago dainty.

Altogether the fair of 1919 was one of the most successful the Philos have ever held.

C. E. PARTY

A delightful party was given Friday evening, December 5th, at the home of Mrs. Charles Rhodes by the Christian Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church. About fifty young people were present to enjoy the games, music and the beautiful home and hospitality of Mrs. Rhodes.

A few minutes were spent in exchanging greetings and then everyone began a search for partners for the various games and together they performed the feats of the program. Standing on one foot and looking at each other without laughing, discussing fashions, playing "bean porridge hot," telling funny stories and reciting "Mary Had a Little Lamb," backwards were a few of the incidents which helped make up a very pleasant evening.

The guests were entertained by solos by Mr. Perrigo and Mr. Millard, accompanied on the violin by Miss Jeanne Miller. The whistling solos of Miss Margaret Holmes charmed everyone.

After a jolly time sandwiches and hot chocolate were served and everyone reluctantly bade goodbye to the kind hostess and to the other guests.

We are drawing on to the bottom of the hill, whatever we are, on account of time never standing still for a single moment. So let us always do a kindness, and be overrejoiced.—David Copperfield, (Dickens).

A CALL FOR THE OLD SPIRIT

Renewed College Pep and Enthusiasm Needed, is Demand.

The time has come to abandon all camouflage at least in the subject at hand, athletics and Alma. What is the matter with the spirit of the old school? Of course we had only a mediocre team in football, and, as far as the M. I. A. A. was concerned, our record was rather bad. But no team has any kick coming concerning treatment at our hands, and we know that we fought hard. Can we not be good losers? One thing must be remembered—we had no team in the fall of 1918 and one season's submersion is a terrible setback. It is only logical that we should not strike our stride for a year or so.

However, we did have a basketball team in 1918-19 and it made a very fair record, but no better than lies within our power this year if we go after it hard. We want every man out for the class teams which will go into action this week on a regular percentage schedule. It should be a hard fought series, but it cannot be, as long as some of the murmurs we are hearing on the campus every day concerning "getting out" and where athletics "can go to" and so forth, are being spread, be it meaningly or otherwise. In the "good old days" when basketball season was approaching, we ate basketball, thought basketball and talked basketball. Were those old days and those old athletic prodigies so different from our own?

That everything is not right was plainly shown by the results of the fund campaign, and more plainly still by the way it is being paid at the present time. There were too many who pledged only two dollars or even one dollar and who could easily have made it five without yet introducing the element of sacrificing one iota. Let's all pay our pledges without making the collectors chase us for their time is quite as valuable as our own.

We have a very good schedule and more games are being added every day. It reads at present.

Dec. 18—Bay City Y. M. C. A. at Alma.

Jan. 8—C. S. N. at Mt. Pleasant.
Jan. 9—Offered to Grand Rapids Junior at Alma.

Jan. 16—Open date.

Jan. 23—Adrian at Adrian.

Jan. 24—Albion at Albion.

Jan. 30—Hope College at Alma.

Feb. 6—Hillsdale at Alma.

Feb. 13—Hillsdale at Hillsdale.

Feb. 14—Kalamazoo at Kalamazoo.

Feb. 20—Albion at Alma.

Feb. 21—Adrian at Alma.

Feb. 27—Kalamazoo college at Alma.

Feb. 28—Ypsilanti at Ypsilanti.

Mar. 2—C. S. N. at Alma.

Mar. 5—Offered to Grand Rapids at Grand Rapids.

Mar. 6—Grand Rapids Y. M. C. A. at Grand Rapids.

Everything is lining up all right excepting the spirit and we must see some signs of that soon, the men must be encouraged and persuaded to get out and put their best into the game.

Please answer this: How can we expect to make respectable showings against such teams as Hope, Kazoo and Mt. Pleasant if we continue this present state of lethargy?

Pay up your pledges, root for your class team, boost for Alma and live basketball for a few months!

Look at God's world longer and more often, and less at men and women, then you will become lighter of heart.—Ostrowsky.

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WHY DISTURB A RELIGIOUS SERVICE?

The chapel exercise held each morning may be said (with little exception) to be a distinctly religious service. We gather to sing praises, to hear the Scripture, and to offer prayer to God. When we are interested in anything worth while and above all while at worship, we dislike very much to be intruded upon by loud noises.

Often the chapel service continues a little over the allotted time, and our thought is broken by the loud clang of the gong. It may be that a member of the faculty is giving a talk at the time, or a visitor is disturbed while delivering a very worthwhile message. Of course a few speakers need to be reminded of the passing of time, and the use of an unseen bell is a polite way to inform them and saves embarrassment. However, in this case, a more gentle and less sudden method might better be used, if any at all is needed, for in chapel service we may well afford to go a little over time. There have been times when even our prayer thoughts were distracted by the use of this bold instrument.

At this one time of the day, let us tell the gong when to sound, not it tell us when to move. May not the bell-ringer be instructed to use the gong when chapel is over. Its time should be when the last word has been said or the last note sung; then our chapel service will be free of disturbance from this source.

PREPARATION FOR EXAMINATIONS

With the coming of the Christmas vacation so near at hand, we are confronted with the closeness of the end of the semester and the mid-year examinations. For most of us these are not the most pleasant thoughts—the professor is for one time at least not the most popular person on the Campus—but the two hour expression of all one knows and does not know is not just what the student likes to look forward to. However, it must be admitted that examinations are coming and the Almanian takes this method of bringing the fact before the students, especially the new ones. Alma's students are not sharks; Alma doesn't boast of such, but the average grade of the students is by all means good. To flunk is nothing of which one can brag; to pass means satisfaction to the student and pride to the parent. This year Alma has a splendid enrollment of students, a splendid type of student, a splendid staff of teachers—let this year be a splendid year for examination results.

The proper time for preparation is not examination week. That should be a week off in every sense of the word. NOW is the time to pass exams. pass them by a complete knowledge of the subjects, so that when the eventful time will come the days of examinations will not have to be spent in cramming and worry.

Y. W. C. A.

Miss Blanche Mashin led a very interesting meeting of Y. W. C. A. on Thursday evening using for her topic, "The Call of the City." After several appropriate selections of scripture were read, Miss Mashin asked the girls to give their thoughts and ideals for a true city, built on equity and justice. Miss Moore told a few of the many things that the Y. W. C. A. is doing in Flint and Miss Blick spoke of the work in Detroit. In that city the great work of the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. is among the young people, teaching them to know what is right and to use that knowledge in such a way as to become better citizens. After a short song service the meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction.

ADDITIONAL RULINGS ON RE-INSTATEMENT

A series of decisions issued by the Director of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury provides more liberal conditions for reinstatement of lapsed or canceled insurance.

The provisions of Treasury Decision No. 47, allowing eighteen months from the date of discharge for reinstatement upon payment of only two months' premiums on the amount for insurance to be reinstated, are retained. That decision is liberalized, however, by a new provision that men out of the service are permitted to reinstate by merely paying the two months' premiums without making a statement as to health at any time within three calendar months following the month of discharge.

After the three months following the date of discharge have elapsed, a statement from the applicant to the effect that he is in as good health as at the date of discharge or at the expiration of the grace period, whichever is the later date, will be required together with a written application for reinstatement and the tender of two months' premiums on the amount of insurance he wishes to reinstate.

In order to give all former service men whose insurance has lapsed or been canceled, a fair chance to reinstate their insurance, including men who have been out of the service eighteen months or more, and who are therefore barred from reinstatement under the former ruling, a special blanket ruling is made which allows all ex-service men to reinstate their insurance before December 31, 1919, provided that each applicant is in as good health as at date of discharge or at expiration of the grace period, whichever is the later date, and so states in his application. Of course it is necessary that he tender the two months' premiums on the amount of insurance he wished to reinstate.

Service men who reinstated their insurance by payment of all back premiums prior to July 25, 1919, when the decision requiring payment of only two months' premiums went into effect, upon written application to the Bureau may have any premiums paid in excess of two applied toward the payment of future premiums. For example, if a policy had lapsed for six months, a man reinstated and paid six months' premiums instead of two, he may secure credit for four months' premiums.

The provisions for reinstatement do not protect a man until he actually reinstates. If he waits he may not be in as good health as he was at the time of discharge and consequently may not be able to secure reinstatement.

Don't put off reinstatement. Do it now!

EIN TEST

'Twas a windy 22nd of the month of November when eight jeunes filles straggled out (meaning "went, not all together"). The first four, being conspirateurs, carried various implements damit zu essen. Seeing that they had not advanced sufficiently vite, this first rank found it necessary to lie in ambush among the burs and thistles until the unsuspecting enemy was led by. As soon as the coast was clear elles avancerent and at last arrived at the appointed place. The fire was lighted and the victim arrived upon the scene accompanied by Dame Rain which you will understand, made it necessary for the troupe to pick up the fire and scurry to a nearby cabin.

It was not long before the savory odors of soup, "red hots" and coffee, mingled with dense smoke brought tears to the eyes of the onlookers. Then all fell to—and finally, the victim expeled her last breath upon the flaming candles of the birthday cake. Her doom was sealed. The symbolic ring, thimble and penny revealed the fate of the members of the band.

Then, covering all traces of their deeds the company went out into the darkness, where still greater shocks awaited them. They leaped over the top into No Man's Land, jumped in and out of shell holes and with stars falling overhead finally gained the outskirts of the enemy's territory and arrived home in safety.

Par Amanuensis.



A Gateway—Electrical

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LIBRARY NOTES

A newspaper rack has been placed in the Reading and Reference room, which relieves the congestion on the study table.

New lights have been installed which will provide better lighting for the west side of the room.

Will those persons who have books or magazines from the library—taken without permission—please return them at once, so that they may be available for reference work. Many of the magazine files cannot be bound until the missing numbers can be found.

A number of new Spanish works have been purchased and are now ready for use.

The library will be closed during the Christmas vacation, from Friday noon, December 19th to January 6th, Tuesday a. m. It is requested that all books shall be returned by Thursday afternoon, December 18th. Special permission may be obtained by students who wish to have books out over the vacation.

Y. M. C. A.

One of the services which the "Y" has promoted in recent years and has carried on quite extensively this year is the organizing and sending out of Gospel teams.

Sunday, December 7, Sinclair Tebo and Arthur Peterson had charge of services at Elsie; Ezra Devereaux and Fred Moore were at Perrinton. "Bill" Richards and Mel. Vender gave reports at the Sunday afternoon meeting from the International Y. M. C. A. convention which they attended in Detroit.

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Where we are and what
we are doing

Letter from Miss Jennings, ex-'20
October 21, 1919.

Dear Elizabeth:

It all happened so suddenly that at times it seems impossible yet to realize that I am teaching in the mountains, fifty miles from any railroad, among a very peculiar people. Here I hear hardly anything but Spanish. The trip was very wonderful and thrilling. I left Wednesday night about two weeks ago. Arriving in Kansas City the following morning. Then, it took me until Friday to reach Las Vegas. No one appeared on the scene to meet me, so I deemed it wise to check my very heavy luggage. Having a letter to a Mr. Higgins in that town, I proceeded to hunt up the man. He was an elderly man with white hair. After explaining my difficulties to him, he very gently informed me he had never heard of Chacon. Imagine my astonishment at hearing he did not even know where the little insignificant place was located. Thereupon he looked it up on the map and rushed me down to the postmaster. By the way, he

is postmaster and also Judge of the town. He was another old man with white hair. Without any hesitation he told me I might be able to reach Chason by Monday. Imagine, Monday and I arrived there Friday. He said the mail carrier might be able to take me half of the way the next day. Upon inquiring about hiring an automobile, I was very much discouraged for he wanted to charge me fifteen dollars. The postmaster promised faithfully to send the mail carrier up to see me, upon his return from his route, so I waited patiently until 9:30 p. m. for him. As he did not show up then, I fully decided to go to bed and let tomorrow bring forth what it would, for I was through worrying for that day. The following morning he happened along in his tiny Ford filled to the brim with mail bags, suitcases and various other paraphernalia. He was a Mexican and had with him two other Mexicans, who greeted me very nicely in Spanish. We all managed to squeeze in and I was off for Chacon at last. Such a thrilling ride. I

shall never forget it. We were up the hills one moment and down in the valley the next. The mountains to me seemed wonderful, for they were so steep and rocky in some places, while in others they were snow-capped or covered with vegetation. We passed one tiny abode house after another. Mother and children (usually a small community of children) rushed to every available window and door to peep out as we passed by. We came to one mountain stream where the water was, I should judge, about a foot deep. I was pondering how we were to ford it, for there was no bridge across, but while I was wondering, we plunged in and were soon safely on the other side. Such bumps as we did encounter. The roads here are in a very deplorable condition. Such ruts, also. Actually sometimes I held my breath, for it seemed that we were riding on one wheel, and would surely tip over at any minute. A little farther on we came upon a tiny boy in a large hay wagon. He gestured frantically for us to stop and then addressing the driver, coolly asked if we had a gun. Well by this time I was ready for anything. I thought perhaps there were bandits around, but was very much relieved when he pointed toward one mountain and said there were three coyotes not far distant. They disappeared on the mountain side before we had the opportunity to see them. Well, to make the story a trifle short after very few more thrilling experiences, with only two blow-outs, I arrived at my destination about 5 p. m. Miss Rolapson was at the door to meet me. She is a very lovely woman about fifty years of age. She is about the only companion whom I have now. We live in a very cozy little abode cottage. The school house and church are both within a stone's throw. The first Sunday was so funny. Everybody came to church to see the new teacher. The entire sermon was in Spanish, so you realize how thoroughly I enjoyed it. The following Monday I assumed my duties as teacher. The dearest little youngsters came in, but some are so dirty. It seems sometimes, rather difficult to love them, dirt and all, but yet I do. I have the first and second grades. Some, upon entering, hardly understand one word of English, so you see the task ahead. I have enjoyed it thoroughly, thus far.

Did I mention the climate? Would you believe me we are nearly 9000 feet above sea level? The air is wonderful, so exhilarating, but one is obliged to work slower, or she loses her breath. One evening Miss Rolapson and I visited several sick people. If you could have seen some of the houses. Awful. Oh, there are so many things to tell you, I would never finish.

With love,
Mabel (Jennings)-ex-'20.
Chacon, N. M.

ALPHA THETA

Lura Miller, vice president of the Alpha Theta Literary society called the meeting to order on December 1. The roll-call was answered to by present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and a first critic's report given. Charlotte Homes read an interesting paper on the life of George Bernard Shaw and Lura Miller reviewed his well-known drama, "Canadida." Adjournment.

ZETA SIGMA

Zeta Sigma was called together by President Boyne. Roll call by the secretary. Following is the literary program carried out.

Critic's report by Kern.

A book review by Sutherland.

Reading some war poetry by Knowles.

Following this was a heated impromptu debate. Resolved that all college men should keep company with Wright Hall girls. The line-up for the affirmative side was Kern, Allen, Wyatt. The negative was represented by Krueger, Handley and Miller. The entire assembly acted as judges. The affirmative team won by a small margin of 14-12.

The motion for adjournment was made by Allen.

In Prohibition Kansas.

Temperance Lecturer—I am informed that this town is thoroughly "dry." Is it true?

Citizen—Yep, that's so. Not a drop in it.

Temperance Lecturer—(beamingly)—Do tell me how you good citizens accomplished it?

Citizen—We drank it dry.

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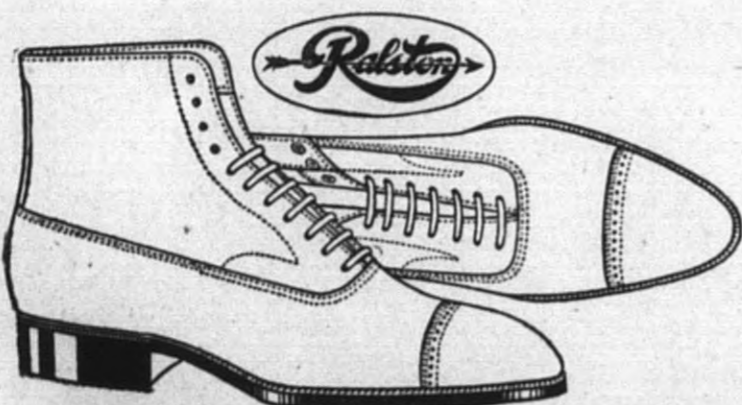
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JOLLY THANKSGIVING SPENT

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was lightened by the dreams of a party we were to have in the reception room after dinner. At 7:30 the first crack of merriment came when the big log in the fire place split in two and we began to toast marshmallows—likewise our faces. The boys came over from Pioneer Hall, and we played games, sang songs and had a general good time. Freddie, we think you would have slid into the fireplace had there not been a screen to hinder you. Remarkable athletic feats of valor were performed in the good old stag coach game. When we were all exhausted from fun, we sat down to rest and Bill brought in two huge bowls of marshmallows and a big bag of peanuts. Mabel Field brought down her Thanksgiving box and fed the crowd. Blanche carted down some real California lemons and amid feasting and drinking we all had a right good feed.

Saturday night was another one of jolly good sport. This time Johanna fried chicken in a huge, black frying pan over the logs in the fire place. "Freddie" brought down some wonderful nut bread and cakes. This was the night of the big wind storm and it felt mighty good to be safe within the fold beside the roaring fire. Later we let the fire die down and we gathered about the glowing embers. Blanche started a ghost story accompanied by the wind howling down the chimney; the shutters creaked and mysterious spooky noises were heard through the corridors of the nearly empty hall. We all began to feel a tiny bit nervous though none would admit it. The climax came when we found the wind had put out the lights in the whole hall. Of course we had candles but candles were no instruments of protection to those poor folks who had to find their rooms in those dark halls! The dripping of red wax almost seemed like blood and we shook and turned pale at our shadows. It was rumored the next day that several girls looked under their beds three or four times, made one wild dash under the covers where they remained in fear and trembling until the next morning. Betty talked in her sleep all night. Take our advice, never tell a ghost story around a dim fire at night, but above all be sure you have lights when you need them.

Sunday morning found us a very serious minded lot of folk. Brother Knighton challenged us to a hike to Elwell to hear him preach. We accepted (girls aren't 'fraid cats) and hoofed it up and back. The wind was biting raw. Mary Louise learned that artistic French heels aren't the best instruments for walking on a mud frozen road.

So you see we had lots of fun and weren't one bit lonely—we created our atmosphere. We almost regretted that with the coming of Monday we had to turn from fried chicken and fun and face the realities and hard facts of life.

PHILOMATHEAN

The regular meeting of the Philomathean Literary society was held Monday evening. Roll call was answered by quotations from recent poetry. The impromptu, "Europe's Revised Idea of Wilson, the Man," was given by Grace Beshgetoor. Blanche Mashin sang a Scotch song. Jean Jackson, Avis Lane and Helen Huff gave impromptus on "A Short Sketch of the Life of a Recent Poet." Miss Jackson reviewed the life of Joyce Kilmer, the rising young poet who lost his life in the World war. Miss Lane sketched the life of William Butler Yeats. Miss Huff gave the life of James Whitcomb Riley and read a poem which Edgar Guest wrote at Riley's death. The meeting was then adjourned.

FROEBEL

On Monday evening, November 17, the regular meeting of the Froebel society was held. Roll call was responded to by a current event on some Russian poet, musician or composer. A short business meeting was held, after which Miss Crosby played four modern pieces of Russian composers. After the critic's reports the society adjourned.

The enlightened are never idolators. They lift the veil of form and go to the shrine of reality, and new light and truth are coming to them continually through the old symbols.—Van Dyke.

COLLEGE ALUMNUS WEDS

Announcement came to the Almanian last week of the wedding of T. S. Higbee of Detroit to Miss Lena Gerling of Bloomington, Illinois, which will take place at the home of Rev. J. E. Webber in Royal Oak on Saturday, November 22.

Both Mr. Higbee and Rev. Webber are Alma college graduates and well known to many Alma people, the latter having been one of the stars of the baseball team in 1904.

Miss Gerling is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Gerling of Bloomington, and is a graduate of the Illinois Normal college at Normal, Illinois. Until the past year she has been a teacher in the Bloomington schools.

Mr. Higbee is still in the employ of the government as metallurgist and Chief of Editing Section which position he will retain until recovered sufficiently from a recent illness to take up industrial work again.

The couple will make their home at 42 Watson street, Detroit. The Almanian offers congratulations in behalf of Mr. Higbee's many Alma friends.

Y. W. C. A.

A meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was held Thursday evening with Miss Grace Rice as leader. After the opening hymn and prayer, Fromilda Young sang a very beautiful song, "A Sabbath Prayer." Miss Rice then read one of Henry Van Dyke's lovely stories, "The Lost Word." The story of a man who had found religion only to sell the keyword for wealth, and who later regretted the bargain and realized the limitations of wealth through the death of his father and illness of his son, is told in a very simple but impressive manner. All who heard the story received true inspiration. The meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction.

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