

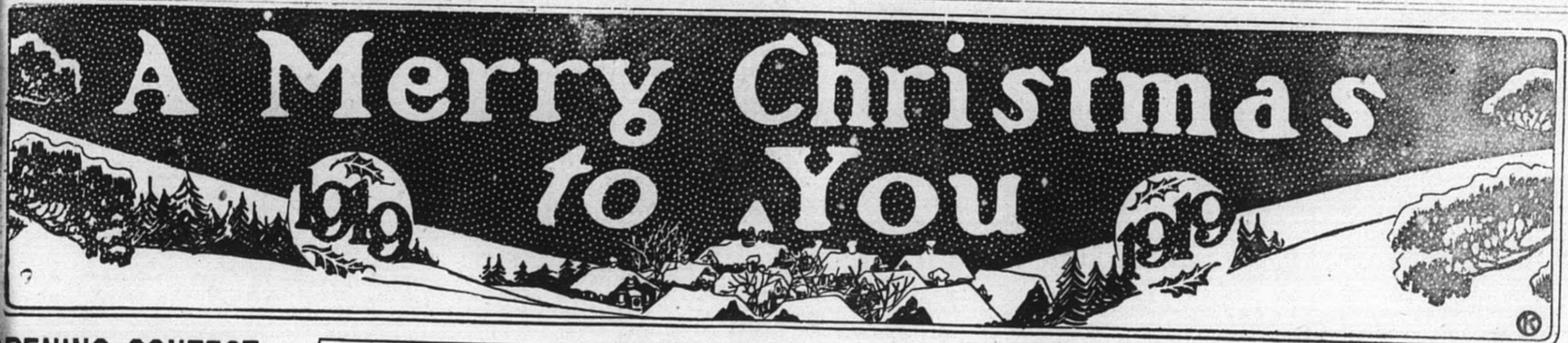
# The Weekly Almanian

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## OPENING CONTEST AN EASY VICTORY

Maroon and Cream, Using Many Subs, Romped Over Bay City Industrials.

The Alma College basketball quintet won the opening game of the year Monday night from the Bay City Industrials by a score of 27 to 10, having little trouble in disposing of the visitors, who never had a chance, after the first four minutes of play. Immediately after Referee Ball started the contest Bacon of Bay City rang up the first counter, and for nearly four minutes, the Bay City defense held the Maroon and Cream away from the basket. Crittenden then planted one in the netted circle, to be followed a moment later by another field basket by Captain Tebo. From that time on Alma was in no danger from the Bay City five, Alma having nine points before the visitors could count again.

For the Maroon and Cream, Crittenden, the veteran guard of a year ago, playing his first game at center, spotted the basket three times in the first half, for a total of six of the fifteen points taken by the Alma crew. Captain Tebo contributed four points.

At the start of the second half Coach Wood sent new forwards to the firing line to replace Forest Smith and Richards, vets from last season, Howe, Boyne and Marks, all getting a chance to show. The former Alma high star, netted two field baskets within a few minutes, and then Marks took the job. Eddie Boyne also, located the center of the counting station for a field basket.

Late in the game Payne replaced Crittenden at center, and "Crit" went to guard in place of Mills, to be replaced later by Finlayson. With four minutes to go Dhalgrin went into Tebo's guard job.

In spite of the insertion of a bunch of new men into the game the Maroon and Cream aggregation continued to score, piling up a lead, slowly but surely, having almost three times as many points as the visitors, when time halted the game.

While the Alma cagers looked like a real team compared to the Bay City outfit, the team is still far from a polished aggregation such as the Presbyterians must have if they expect to make a good showing in the Michigan Intercollegiate race. The passing displayed by the locals was of a poor grade many a fine chance to score field baskets being passed up by wild throws down the court, which frequently sent the ball out of bounds and gave it to the visiting five.

Numerous easy scoring chances were also passed up, because of inability to locate the netted circle, indicating a lack of practice in shooting baskets.

There is no question, however, but what Coach Wood's aggregation, has possibilities, and with good practice will get down to smooth work and become one of the most dangerous teams in the collegiate association. That does not mean that Alma is going to walk off with a championship by any means, as there is little question but what Kalamazoo, Adrian and Hillsdale will have the speediest teams on the court this year that have ever represented those schools. The present aggregation of the Maroon and Cream has a big row to hoe, and it will depend to a great extent upon the spirit shown, just how successful this year's five will be.

Line-up and summary:

## Second Lyceum Number

Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, December 17, 1919

at 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

#### HOLD BANQUET

George W. Myers Post, American Legion, to Banquet.

The George W. Myers post of the American Legion will hold a banquet next Thursday evening, December 18, at the Republic cafeteria, at which time two prominent members of the Legion will be present and address the former service men who will be in attendance at that time.

The principle speaker of the evening will be Col. Dancer, who is the state commander of the American Legion. He was commander of the 125th Infantry and is a wearer of the distinguished service cross and the croix de guerre.

Wilbur Burler of Saginaw a prominent lawyer of that city, who saw service during the world war, and was the delegate to the National convention of the American Legion from the eighth Congressional district, will be the other speaker of the evening.

All members of the American Legion post are requested to be present at the banquet next Thursday evening if possible. The cost of the banquet will be 75 cents per plate, it was stated recently by Orville Allen, commander of the George W. Myers post.

#### VISITED HERE

Noted Astronomer, Local Boy, Visits Here First Time in Seven Years.

Paul Delavan, discoverer of the Delavan comet a few years ago, and one of the world's widely known astronomers, spent the week end in this city visiting with relatives, at the home of his uncle, George Delavan, on State street.

After studying astronomy at Alma College Mr. Delavan went to the University of Michigan, and very shortly after was offered a position at the National observatory in Argentina, the position being offered to him upon recommendation of professors at the university. This was seven years ago, and since that time he has been in the South American Republic in charge of the observatory and it was while there that he discovered the comet, that now bears his name.

Paul Delavan is the son of Chas. Delavan of Ann Arbor, who moved to that city from Alma some years ago. Charles Delavan was the first mayor of Alma, while his father Henry A. Delavan, was one of the first settlers in this city, and the first man to build a brick block here.

#### HAMILTON ENTERTAINS

Debate Held As Part of the Evening's Program.

Wednesday evening, December 10th, about twenty-five men of the college assembled at the home of Professor Hamilton and, notwithstanding one casualty (see Bob Wyatt), enjoyed a thoroughly good time.

The sport began with a spirited debate on the subject, "Resolved that the Sunday rules at Wright Hall should be suspended." The brilliancy of the speakers was rivalled only by the depth and insight of the critics' appraisal of their efforts. Doubtless, Professor Hamilton realized as never before the genuine oratorical ability of his pupils. We were next called upon to display our physical prowess in a track meet. Lee Sharrar introduced to us the "Firebugs" and Bill marched out the "Wright Hall Wonders." These two aggregations struggling with each other and with the referees until Tebo courageously announced the judges' decision.

Ice cream and cookies appeared and as we ate Professor Hamilton gave us an interesting description of student life in the German universities. He then revealed his versatility by the rendition of several vocal selections, which were enthusiastically received.

After singing the college songs and giving a yell in honor of our generous host, we departed feeling that the evening had been well spent.

#### CHAS. DEPEW MARRIED

Miss Nola Moore of this city, was united in marriage last Saturday at St Louis by Rev. Yinger, to Charles Depew, also of this city. Mr. Depew, who is employed at the present time at The Republic Motor Truck Company, Inc., is a former college base ball star.

Notice, Pioneer Occupants—If you want to take your girl out with using a precious social cut, see Johnston he has a new system.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY BY THE Y. W. C. A.

Delightful Affair Held by Girls in Wright Hall Saturday Night.

As a rule a child in Wright Hall seems to be a curiosity and something very enjoyable but rather unusual. Once in every year, however, each young woman in the institution takes unto herself the appearance of her childhood, and in the Reception room of Wright Hall a crowd of merry youngsters enjoy the fine tree with its festoons and lights, and play games under the red and green.

Yes, they are all there—the little girl who always wanted to be "it" because her "papa owned the whole town;" the shy twins with huge ribbons and bows adorning very infantile frocks; the boy who was a "live wire;" the gang of little soldiers, and the well-behaved little Foutleray. It was a typical kindergarten in that every one, fancy and plain, played those simple games which children of all ages enjoy, but the noise and competitive chatter, was most uncontrolled and the fun was active and jolly.

After many games, the children all gathered about Miss Conyne while she told the story, "The Gift of the Magi." You know it; the man who sold his hieerloom-watch to buy combs for his wife's hair, while she sold her hair to buy a platinum fob for his watch, that the love which prompted the sacrifice was the gift of the magi. Only she who told it, could give it the pathos, the human and the realness with which we heard it that night. Then because we were children, Miss Conyne told a real kindergarten story which was greatly enjoyed.

The telephone rang and little Florence answered it, returning with the message that Santa had a blow-out and that Mrs. Santa would come instead. Queer how lines do get crossed, but when Mrs. Santa came, she said her husband was in Belgium and she was taking care of us this year. But whether because of Belgium or blow-out, we didn't care, because Mrs. Santa was just as nice as Santa, though being a woman, she made us promise that we would mind our mamas before she would present the presents.

Such presents too, just what children like and those little red and blue stockings had good peanuts and candy in them. The children had their pictures taken, and after two explosions, faithfully administered by our dear "Willie," Miss Pollock released us from our poses, and for the evening we reverted to more grown-up ways of entertainment.

The gifts are collected and will make some children happy at Christmas time; the children suddenly have disappeared and Wright Hall has once more assumed the dignified dormitory for young women. But the Christmas spirit, why it was developed, if not born, during the children's party, and is in every part of our Wright Hall. The party is always the cheer, which sets us off on the holiday vocation, with a spirit of happiness, merriment, love and goodwill.

## New Era Lyceum Course

"THE MESSIAH," directed by Professor Hosmer, December 17.

RALPH DENNIS, January 21.  
THE WHITTEMORE TRIO  
AND WILLIAMS, February 2.

MAUD BALLINGTON BOOTH,  
February 12.

MARGARET STAHL, March 3.  
All numbers at M. E. church except Messiah at Presbyterian Church.

ALMA—27 F. Smith, Richards, Crittenden, Mills, Tebo (capt.)  
BAY CITY—10 R. F. Bacon, Nelson, H. Nichols, F. Nichols, L. G. Mather (capt.)  
Substitutions: Howe for Smith, Marks for Howe, Boyne for Richards, Payne for Crittenden, Crittenden for Mills, Finlayson for Crittenden, Dhalgrin for Tebo.

Field baskets: Crittenden 3, Tebo 3, Payne 2, Howe 2, Smith, Richards, Boyne, H. Nichols 2, Bacon 2, Nelson. Fouls—Richards 1 out of 1; H. Nichols, 0 in 1.

Score 1st half—Alma 15, Bay City 6.  
Referee—Ball, Adrian College.  
Scorer and timer: Dunham.

Electricity is said to be one of the few saleable products which cannot be adulterated.

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THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Once more with joy and gladness we welcome the arrival of the happy Christmas time. Anew we raise our voices in accord to Him whose birth and life and death and glorious resurrection has made possible the joy and happiness of this festive season. As we think of Christmas what are the predominant thoughts in our minds? The gratification one receives from over-eating the Christmas dinner, and all the accompanying feast of that day? or again does the thought of the glad habit of giving and receiving make Christmas, a time for joy? Without doubt these are essential in our American lives in order to bring about a complete celebration of the Yuletide. But why celebrate Christmas at all? This question may be asked with all fairness. Does the impregnable truth of the Incarnate birth of Christ enter the mind as Christmas is thought of? The arrival of a new life and greater joy and fuller giving. These matters must occupy the mind on this occasion. Christmas means a joy, bigger fuller and more complete if the Christ of Bethlehem's manager is accompanying all during the glad and happy season of the celebration of His birth.

From east to west, from shore to shore,

Let every heart awake and sing  
The Holy Child Whom Mary bore,  
The Christ, the Everlasting King.

Behold! the world's Creator wears  
The form and fashion of a slave;  
Our very flesh our Maker shares,  
His fallen creature, man to save.

For this how wonderously He wrought!

A maiden, in her lowly place,  
Became, in ways beyond all thought,  
The chosen vessel of His grace.

She bowed her to the angel's word  
Declaring what the Father willed,  
And suddenly the promised word  
That pure and hallowed temple filled.

He shrank not from the oxen's stall,  
He lay within the manger bed,  
And He Whose bounty feedeth all  
At Mary's breast Himself was fed.

And while the angels in the sky  
Sang praise above the silent field,  
The shepherds poor the Lord most High  
To one great shepherd was revealed.

The Weekly Almanian takes this method of extending to all the greatest joy of the happy time and expresses wishes for the coming year.

ALPHA THETA

The regular meeting of the Alpha Theta Literary society was held on Monday evening, Dec. 8. After the opening exercises roll call was responded to by the giving of a fact concerning John Kendrick Bangs. An impromptu debate and a short business meeting made up the evening's program. In the debate, "Resolved that Freshmen girls should not have social cuts," Jeanne Miller, Frances Priest, and Louise Osgood supported the affirmative side and Edith Hughes, Lois Pettibone, and Lucille Le Vansler supported the negative side. The discussion was spirited and the verdict was rendered in favor of the negative side.

PHILOMATHEAN

The regular meeting of the Philomathean Literary society was held Monday evening. The roll call was answered by a current event. After a short business meeting the impromptu on "The Hope of Russia," by Doremus Scudder, was given by Marjorie Mackie. The meeting was then adjourned.

**Merry Christmas**

Whether it be prattled on baby lips that scarce can shape the words, or saying them, thinks not, but only feels the insensate overflow of giving from a soft, full heart . . .

Although it be mumbled inarticulately by the shabby nonentity whose whine for charity one acknowledges in the spirit of the season, even while knowing that the words be said in servile mockery . . .

If it be breathed by mother mouth, the sad, sweet lines of which were molded so by a yearning, prodigal tenderness and an unfaltering devotion, be its object worthy or not . . .

Whether it be panted from between the warm, moist lips of maidenhood—tremulous, palpitant, shame-faced and shy because of an ardor which it dreads to comprehend . . .

Although it be uttered by maid, matron or man, friend, chance acquaintance, tradesman or servant . . .

**Merry Christmas to You and to Yours**

By DE LYSLE FERREE CASS

LYCEUM COURSE

Opening Lecture Given By John Kendrick Bangs.

The opening number of the Lyceum Course was given December 8 and the success of this number is very promising for the remainder of the course.

John Kendrick Bangs noted author, editor and lecturer was the speaker. For many years he has been a Lyceum and Chautauqua favorite. He was for four years the managing editor of Life and for two years editor of Harpers Weekly and has been called America's foremost humorist.

His subject Monday evening was "Light and Shade in the Land of Valor." France was portrayed as the land of valor. Mr. Bangs' experience in France during 1918 when he studied the life of the soldier boys at the front and work of the Y. M. C. A. made his subjects especially interesting.

Mr. Bangs reminded us that the aims of the war have not been settled. The armistice has been signed but peace negotiations have not been completed. We all have too prompt a willingness to forget, he says. France is still bending under the burden of devastation but her spirit remains unchanged. We must not forget her sacrifice. France is putting forth every effort to gain sustenance for the coming winter while we have only to compete with the inconvenience of a slight coal shortage and an income tax.

Mr. Bangs spoke very highly of the morals of the American boys in France contrary to the opinion of the Society for Moral Temperance Reform. He says that after fifteen weeks of conscious observation he found but one drunken doughboy among two hundred and fifty thousand soldiers. He was also very emphatic in this connection in his defense of the Y. M. C. A. "Every American mother," he says, "owes a great debt of gratitude to the Y. M. C. A. which in spite of statements to the contrary was at the front."

His picture of war conditions and effects was very realistic and the tenseness of his audience showed that they grasped the true depths of his message. His clever wit and humor and the perfect blending of the serious was not the least pleasing factor of his lecture. And his personality as well as the ease and di-

rectness with which he spoke manifested the marks of an experienced speaker.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SLEIGH-RIDE

A sleigh ride that isn't a sleigh-ride may or may not be an enjoyable affair but the hay ride sleighride given by the Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian church was certainly one of the best events of the year. Two big strawfilled wagons supplied with plenty of blankets transported over thirty cheer-surfeited young people five miles to the home of Mr. Wm. Schiff.

No one was crowded for room and consequently everyone had an even better time than is usual on sleigh-rides (hay rides). The annual contest between the Freshmen and Sophomores to determine which class shall take a public bath in Pine creek had nothing on the tugs of war that raged in wagon No. 2 over the possession of Carroll's nose will testify to that. So with song and jest we rode on like Don Quixote in search of adventure—such as snowball or chaff fights, until we arrived at the Schiff home. Here an hour was lightly beguiled with music—the solos by Harold Millard and Aneita Stevens are worthy of note—and Oyster Stew. Say talk about Wright Hall pudding—that oyster stew sure took the cake. After the long ride in the brisk night air that steaming hot stew gained an added savor and imbued us with a spirit capable of more fully enjoying the journey home. Many thanks are due Mrs. Schiff and Mrs. Gelston for the "feed." Well to make a long story short after a hearty good night we retraced our steps end before midnight (not much before though) were back in front of Wright Hall saying it had been an evening well spent.

Y. W. C. A.

A very interesting Y. W. C. A. meeting led by Miss Pollock was held Thursday evening in the Alpha Theta room. Miss Pollock's topic was "The Parable of the Sower." She interpreted this parable in a very helpful manner and the pictures which she brought to us were very vivid. The meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction.

Handel's "Messiah," Wednesday night, Presbyterian church.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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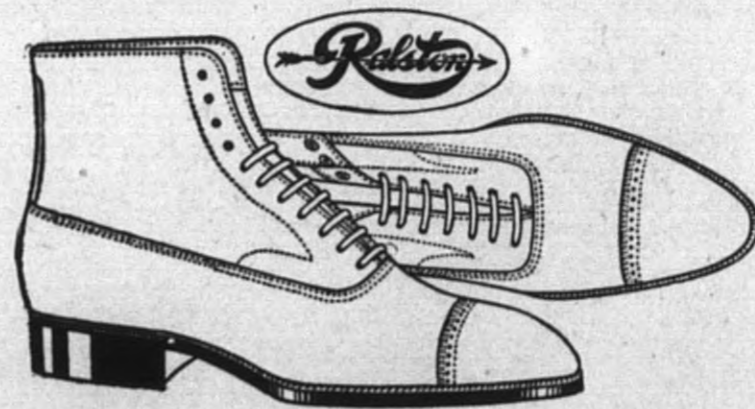
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THE "MESSIAH"

Mr. Wheeler, Famous Tenor, to Appear.

On Wednesday evening, December 17, "The Messiah" will be given in the Presbyterian church. The chorus will be made up of students from the college and a number of Alma people. The soloists from out of town will be Miss Doolittle of the Music Depart-



WILLIAM WHEELER

ment of Mt. Pleasant Normal; Miss Helen Moore of Wells College, and Mr. William Wheeler, head of the vocal department of Ann Arbor. All these artists are well known and may be safely trusted to give a splendid rendering of their parts. This oratorio will be a great treat to the music lovers of the neighborhood. The training and leadership are in the hands of Prof. Hosmer, who has become known from the splendid quality of his work as musical director in Alma college. This is the second number on the Chautauqua-Lyceum course.

LIBRARY NOTES

As announced last week, the Library will be closed during the Christmas holidays, from Friday noon, December 19th to Tuesday morning, January 6th. It is requested that all borrowed books which belong to the library be returned not later than Thursday afternoon, December 18th. Special permission may be obtained for drawing books needed for study during the vacation.

The following numbers of the Outlook are needed before the volumes can be bound. If any one who reads this notice can supply the numbers the favor will be much appreciated. Vol. 118, title page and index, and No. 2, January 9, 1918, and No. 3, Jan. 16. Vol. 119, numbers 7, 13, 15, and 18, the dates being June 12, July 24, Aug. 7, and Aug. 28, 1918. Vol. 120, title page and index, and numbers 2, 4, 5, for Sept. 11, 25th, Oct. 2, 1918. Also same volume, No. 7 and 8, Oct. 18, 23, and also Oct. 30. Vol. 122, No. 17, Aug. 27, 1919.

The Librarian expects to attend the conference of college librarians of the Middle West and the mid-winter meetings of the American Library Association at Chicago during the holidays. Other organizations which meet at the same time and place are the Association of American Library Schools; University librarians; The Bibliographical Society; The League of Library Commissions; and the Executive Board of the American Library Associations. The Headquarters will be at the Hotel La Salle, December 31 to January 3. Any person interested who may be in Chicago at that time might enjoy attendance at the general meetings.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

PHI PHI ALPHA

The meeting of Phi Phi Alpha on December 19 was opened with President Davies presiding. Owing to the fact that the lecture by John Kendrick Bangs was scheduled for 8:00 o'clock the literary program was dispensed with. After a short business session the meeting adjourned.

Phi Phi Alpha has been having some excellent meetings this year and the members are deriving much good from them. The membership list is full to the brim and a banner year is looked for. Preparations are being made to take an active part in the oratorical and debating activities which will follow the holidays.

Phi Phi Alpha has always held as its motto "Alma First," and this year in a greater measure than ever before is bending all its efforts toward and making all its achievements count for "The Good of Alma."

Verses to Send With Christmas Presents

**With Embroidery or Any Needlework.**  
May all your years be glad and bright,  
Deep filled with pleasant days,  
And all your hours know sweet delight  
Of love that lives and stays!  
With some such wishes, true and kind,  
Each Christmas should begin.  
While some of these must surely bind  
Because they've been sewed in!

**With a Gift to a Smoker.**  
When clouds of smoke around you float  
Think sometimes of this loving (friendly) (cordial) note.  
When pictures in the smoke you see  
Waft now and then a thought to me,  
But though you newer joys evoke,  
Don't let our friendship "end in smoke."

**With a Box of Candy.**  
"Sweets to the sweet," the wise old saw,  
I quote because 'tis fitting.  
And tribute pay unto the law  
With gladness unremitting,  
"Like unto like" is also true,  
Therefore these candies haste to you.

**With Music or Musical Instrument.**  
Because the very thought of you,  
Makes music in my mind,  
Pray let me share the music true,  
The sweetest (gayest) (brightest) I could find.

**With a Laundry List or Bag.**  
This gift is clean, as you may see,  
So, every time you'd cleaner be  
Just send a pleasant thought to me.

**To "Her," With a Pair of Gloves.**  
O little thumbs, and fingers, too,  
I can but wish that I were you,  
Since you, unchild, may clasp her hand,  
Tell her—but no! She'll understand.

**With a Book.**  
I cannot make new worlds for you  
Yet these close covers truly frame  
A wondrous world of rapture true—  
Be pleased to enter in my name!

**To a Lady, With Slippers.**  
O pretty slippers, small and slight,  
Be sure to lead her steps aright;  
And when her dainty feet you hold,  
Guard them alike from hurt and cold

**With Shaving Materials.**  
Should you cut yourself in shaving,  
Don't—blame—me!  
Small effect has bitter raving  
When the wound one may not see.  
But should your razor smoothly glide,  
Include me in your smile so wide.

**With Picture of Some Rural Scene.**  
If your thoughts of town are weary,  
Rest your eyes and dream,  
Gazing on this picture cheery  
Of woodland (rural) (springtime) (vernal) vale and stream;  
Remember that had I my way,  
Such joys would greet you every day.

**With Any Christmas Gift.**  
Here's a thought of joyous cheer  
For Christmas and for all the year!

CHAPEL ADDRESS

Noted Missionary Interested Students Last Friday Morning.

In chapel Friday morning, Dean Mitchell introduced one of the most pleasing and impressive speakers we have heard this year. Rev. Mr. Gifford, a missionary just returned from Persia gave us a few of his impressions of the work there, especially as effected by the war. Presbyterian missionary work in Shantung, Africa, Syria and Persia has been vitally effected by the war.

Persia was once a land of conquerors, of triumphant hosts, of power—today it is, as Rev. Gifford said, "A land that has lost its manhood." The government of Persia is and has been for years, woefully weak. Persia is a collection of tribes differing radically in race, language and religion. It is poverty stricken, ignorant, and factious. Yet into this mountain fastness our missionaries have gone in ever-increasing numbers, establishing schools, giving food, medicine and shelter, and preaching the Word of God. The fine work being accomplished was vitally hurt by the war. Persia was the scene of conflict between Russian, Turk and native with German intrigue making matters still worse. Only heroic work by England saved Pro-German Persia from participating with Turkey in the "Holy War." As it was, Rev. Gifford stated that the plight of the Armenians and Syrians and Christians of Persia was worse than that of Belgium. Bolshevism too, played its part in working havoc in the region and the stories told of some of the atrocities committed and the plight of the people were in the highest degree touching.

Rev. Gifford ended his talk with an appeal for this, the richest and most Christian nation in the world, to throw its wealth and man power to the succor of such unfortunates.

SOPHOMORE SLEIGH RIDE

"Everybody out at Wright Hall at 6:30 tonight. Men, wear your army shirts and sweaters." That was the word passed around to all the Sophomores Friday afternoon. Where were we going? Why, we were going out in the country on a sleighride to visit Miss Hainline. When the snow began to melt we were not dismayed for then we planned to go on a hayride. And it was some sleighride. The girls had worked hard making the sandwiches, so we were not afraid of being hungry.

For some mysterious reason our hay-wagon did not appear. Still we were not dismayed. Instead we held a surprise party for Forrest Smith at his home. Even if it was a surprise Smithy was a very good host.

We started the party by playing games. During the time we found some aspiring poets. Sam Tomion got 100 on his work. An example of the poetry is:

"Once upon a midnight dreary,  
When of smoking I was weary,  
I had drunk a quart of whisky  
And was wishing there was more."

This made us think we had a second Edgar Allan Poe with us.

Then we played a guessing game. This proved a very surprising game. Some fellows could recognize a girl by holding her hand. Other fellows had fine falsetto voices. "Mac" McDonald got 100 on his song. It went something like this.

"If the ocean were whisky,  
And I were a duck,  
I would dive to the bottom  
And never come up."

Then Smithy rolled back the rugs and played "The Vamp" on the Victrola. Of course we all sit around and looked as wise and solemn as could be. Nix. This was the best part of the evening. Every Sophomore will say that Smithy has a fine collection of dance records. We were all very sorry when we stopped to eat. But speaking of eating, we had some eats. Sandwiches filled with peanut butter, salmon, and other good things, doughnuts (soaked in coffee), pickles and coffee. We certainly had enough to eat. After we were filled we played the Victrola some more. Mr. Smith's floors are just fine for dancing, don't you know. We sure did not waste any time then. At last Miss Green and Miss Hawes, our chaperones, told us we had better go home, or Dean Roberts would be worrying about us. We were very sorry to leave but deeming it necessary, we started.

Did we have a good time? Ask any Sophomore. Some of the upperclassmen tried to tease us about our sleighride. But we showed 'em.

INTERESTING APPLICATION OF HEAT

A recent issue of the General Electric Review describes a method of heat shrinking for fitting part of electrical machines on to their shafts. The method overcomes various difficulties experienced with press fittings. Water or steam heating is used for flywheels and couplings, while for armatures and field systems, conveniently situated heating resistances answer the requirements. In one case mentioned, i. e., a large armature, the shaft was 35 inches in diameter. Cold pressing would have required a maximum pressure of 600 tons. By heating the armature to about 80 degrees C., however, the shaft could be pulled in with a five-ton chain hoist.

# The Idlehour

TUESDAY—Bryant Washburn in "Why Smith Left Home."

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### JUNIOR BANQUET

On December 11, the Juniors gathered at the Wright House for a class banquet. There were twenty-three present and everyone enjoyed himself to his fullest extent. Before the banquet every one had an opportunity to become acquainted with several of the new members who had just returned from France.

At 8:30 everything was ready and the dining room was aglow with Christmas trimmings. In the corner was a large Christmas tree which surpassed even the best of Christmas trees. This later proved to be a source of much merry making, when the gifts were distributed.

So the banquet proceeded and the toasts were begun. With Mr. Barnhardt as toastmaster everyone realized that something good was forth coming.

Florence Purdy gave the first toast on the "Past" and she brought to mind the former delightful gatherings and the unusual record of the class. McKinley Payne responded to the "Present." His toast was particularly enjoyable coming from one who had entered the class this year for the first time. Peris Robinson animated the class with very excellent plans for the "Future." As usual Lee Sharrar pleased everyone with his humorous readings.

The evening would not have been complete without a word from the chaperones Dean Mitchell and Miss Morrison who both responded to impromptu toasts.

This part of the evening's program being complete all happily received their presents. "Barny and Harry" were delighted over a set of dishes—and certainly Harold Millard will have need of his many hair nets.

After singing the College song all agreed that more such gatherings should be held in the future.

### BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Following is the Alma College basketball schedule as far as it has been completed:

January 8—Central State Normal at Mt. Pleasant.

January 9—Grand Rapids Junior College at Alma.

January 16—Open.

January 23—Adrian College at Adrian.

January 24—Albion College at Albion.

January 30—Hope College at Alma.

February 6—Hillsdale College at Alma.

February 13—Hillsdale College at Hillsdale.

February 14—Kalamazoo College at Kalamazoo.

February 20—Albion College at Alma.

February 21—Adrian College at Alma.

February 27—Kalamazoo College at Alma.

February 28—Michigan State Normal at Ypsilanti.

March 2—Central State Normal at Alma.

March 5—Grand Rapids Junior College at Grand Rapids.

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

A Christmas holiday trip is being arranged for the five, which will give two or three extra games, and it is expected that other collegiate games will be added to the schedule. Because of a break between Ypsi and Mt. Pleasant Normals, the Ypsi five will not make a northern trip this year, and will not be played at Alma.

### THE PANAMA CANAL

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Little did Philip II of Spain think when in 1567, sorely perplexed at his inability to secure a favorable report regarding a waterway to the Pacific, that nearly three and a half centuries later the completion of the "big ditch" would be successfully accomplished by the efforts and ingenuity of a nation then unborn.

And now that the Panama canal is one of the nation's greatest assets, it must always be strongly guarded and protected. Troops must be maintained at its strategic points, and must be kept up to their full efficiency. But to be fully efficient they must be up to full strength, and so the War Department has started a great drive to secure immediately

1,700 men, the minimum needed to enable the Canal forces to function properly and efficiently. This is the word handed down to Colonel Ralph McCoy, recruiting officer for western Michigan, who is turning every effort to accomplish this result, and who is calling on all of western Michigan to assist.

The War Department believes it should not be hard to get the men if they could be made to realize the benefits of service in that delightful climate. Panama has always been looked upon as a desirable assignment within the army. The temperature there averages 80 degrees, the fishing is as good as anywhere, and one may bathe in either ocean at any time of the year. It is pointed out that this ought to appeal to the youths up around the many lakes and rivers of Michigan. They can have the same pleasures at Panama, not only during the summer, but all the year. High class sports have always been a feature of Army life in Panama, and intense rivalry is shown between the teams of the various units.

For travel and education a visit to Panama can hardly be excelled. From the United States to the tropics in five days—the closeness permits the soldier to avail himself of furloughs, and he can also have short leaves to visit Costa Rico, Columbia and other Central American countries. Before sailing for Panama he is given an opportunity to see New Orleans, one of the most interesting and picturesque cities in the United States.

United States troops are stationed principally at Cristobal and Gatun at the Atlantic end, and at Corozal, within a few miles of Panama City, the capital of the Republic, and Balboa-Ancon, the headquarters of the Panama Canal Government, at the Pacific entrance. The 33rd Infantry, the 1st squadron of the 12th Cavalry, the 3rd Battalion of the 3rd Engineers, the 8th Ambulance Company, Coast Artillery units, Signal Corps units, and the Panama Arsenal at Corozal are all open and are calling for men.

A city in which there are more gods than people is the unique fact concerning Yenping, China, according to Bishop Theodore S. Henderson of the Detroit Area, Methodist Episcopal church. This situation was discovered during a survey of the city of Yenping, conducted by the Methodist missionaries in preparation for the world program of the Centenary committee of their church. There are 12,940 idols in the city and only 11,540 people. Yenping is a walled city, situated on seven hills like ancient Rome, and beside the river Min. There are 120 pagan temples, and two Christian churches. The survey was reported by the Reverend Frederick Bankhardt, who is the representative in China of the Methodists of the Detroit Area.

"Oh—wad some power the giftie gie us

To see ourselves as ithers see us; Methinks 'twould so reduce our chests

That we could have our little vests Wrapped thrice around, and still so slack

That they could button in the back." —California University Pelican.

Handley: "I had a great time after my song. The audience shouted 'Fine!' 'Fine!'"

Sharrar: "Good thing you didn't sing again."

Handley: "Why?"  
Sharrar: "They would have shouted 'Imprisonment.'"

Chevrie: "I dreamed last night that I was in heaven."  
Beattie: "Did you see me there?"  
Chevrie: "I did, then I knew I was dreaming."

Boyne: "What makes you so uneasy? Is your conscience bothering you?"

Blake: "No, my winter underwear."

Helen Brian: "How close a friend is Floyd of Fay's."

Oswald: "Well, he had powder all over his coat last night."

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