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ANNUAL BANQUET OF ZETA SIGMA

Merry Crowd Gathered Last Saturday Night for Enjoyable Event of Season.

Wright House was the scene of much gaiety on Saturday evening, March eighth, when the members of Zeta Sigma and their guests, all dressed in their best, assembled for the annual banquet. Many old students and out-of-town guests were present for the occasion.

At eight o'clock the merry crowd formed in line, and to the lively strains of the orchestra made its way to the dining hall. A very pleasant and festive surprise awaited them here. The room was very elaborately and artistically decorated. Colored lights cast a lovely glow about the room which was decorated in Zeta Sigma and Alpha Theta colors. Long streamers of blue and white formed a lacey covering above the tables while the orchestra was hid from view with streamers of rose and gray. White hyacinths were in profusion on the tables, and the blue and rose programs were charming. On the walls were hung banners of both societies, along with many college banners and the Zeta Sigma service flag, which was placed opposite the American flag. Hanging, one at one end of the room and the other at the other end, they served to represent the spirit of the society which honors these many loyal brothers who left their work and studies to answer the call of the red, white and blue.

Throughout the dinner the orchestra kept up lively music to the great enthusiasm and enjoyment of the guests. The dinner was an exceptional one and needless to say everyone did it justice, from the fruit cocktail to the Zeta Sigma punch and bonbons.

MENU

Cocktail americain aux fruites
Pistaches de terre saalees
Olives
Cornichons
Soupe aux tomates
Batons de pain
Poulet a la Roi
Puree de pommes de terre
Petits pois a la creme
Petits pains "Parker House"
Salade printaniere
aux gaufres
Cafe
Tourte aux pommes a la mode
Bonbons
Le boire de Zeta Sigma

Then Leland Fitch, who is president of the society, and who was the toastmaster of the evening, gave a short address of welcome to the guests and then began introducing the speakers by telling some of their interesting secret experiences.

Donald Smith, '19, responded with real Zeta Sigma spirit to the toast, "Fellowship." It was a very good toast and gave the true ideals of Zeta Sigma and the meaning of fellowship both in army life and out.

Then Bob Adams, '21, with his ready wit and humor entertained the guests with "Bits of Jazz." The toast was a very clever production. He certainly prescribed a brilliant future for the members of Zeta Sigma, and one cannot help but wish them success in their prescribed careers.

Then the toastmaster called upon Beatrice Koepfgen for an impromptu, and Bea responded with her usual good grace. Stanley Warner responded to a second impromptu by a very interesting talk on "Reminiscences."

The Zeta Sigma quartette made its first appearance and sang "The Rose of No Man's Land." It was very good and won such hearty applause that the members of the quartette were forced to respond to an encore. It was fine, we hope to hear them again.

Affiliations was the toast given by Floyd Krueger, '19. He spoke of the affiliations of the society to other so-

cieties and especially of their ever good friendship and affiliation with Alpha Theta.

Olivet was represented by Mr. Gillis MacDonald, who brought with him the good spirit and fellowship of the Adelpic society to Zeta Sigma. It was a very pleasing and interesting toast.

Next Lee M. Sharrar, '21, entertained the guests with three well-given readings, "Introduction to Spring," "When She Yawns," and "If I Could Only Be by Her."

"Looking Forward" was the toast to which W. S. Tomion responded, representing the good spirit and hope of the Freshman class. It was very well given.

By this time the hands of the clock had sped around to the wee small hours of the morning and the company had to break up. After singing the Zeta Sigma song the party left the dining hall and after a short half hour of music departed for home.

The banquet was an exceptional one in every respect, and Zeta Sigma is to be congratulated upon their successful efforts. Throughout the evening there was an underlying spirit of good comradeship and gaiety, an informal friendship that made the event enjoyable to the superlative degree.

The only damper on the whole occasion, if it may be called such, was the thought of the absent members of the society, having fought and even died for their country. Frank Sullivan, the first of Alma's sons to have a gold star on the college service flag was one of the many Zeta Sigma men to respond to the call of Freedom. All that was said in the toasts, or all that could be said, could not overestimate or exaggerate the feelings of the society and of all their guests to these men, for with true Alma and therefore Zeta Sigma spirit they fought for a loyal cause. The toast drunk to the success of the men still overseas was very appropriate.

In closing, little more can be said except that in spite of the fact that the banquet was the smallest that had ever been given because of the many men absent in service, it was no doubt the most enjoyable, and will go down in memory as such among all those present.

NEW ALMA COACH

"Ike" Field to Direct Alma Baseball and Track Teams.

"Ike" Field has accepted the position as coach of the Alma college baseball team this spring, and will report for duty at the college on Tuesday, April 1, the day that the spring vacation comes to an end.

Field is an Albion man and has been coaching for some few years, practically all of his work so far having been with high schools. Of late he has been at Flint. During this time he has made a good record as a coach, and is expected to prove a capable baseball man. Field is particularly desirous of having some college experience before going to Allegheny college, now that he has decided to continue in this line of work, and welcomes the offer which has been tendered to him to come to Alma.

Field will start the season with one of the best bunches of old men that the college has had in some years and the fans are confidently expecting that the new mentor will bring into the fold the third successive baseball title for the Maroon and Cream. Six old men are on hand for the team this year, and besides these men there is an abundance of new material which is reported to be classy in every respect.

As there will be little opportunity for workouts prior to the spring vacation, because of the lateness of the baseball season and the fact that spring vacation starts the week following the close of basketball. During this week the veteran Fitch, who has been through several baseball campaigns, will direct the workouts of the baseball men, and have them in condition to start with a rush when Coach Field reports April 1.

The Y. W. doughnut sale proved very successful Friday night, except that only the first comers enjoyed the doughnuts. Anyway, everyone enjoyed late permissions and next time you'll find that there will be plenty of doughnuts.

Alma's Orators

Alma's representatives at the oratorical contest held in Ypsilanti have returned and although they did not return this time with victory, they gave Alma a worthy standing in oratory and gave their orations in the very best style.

Hope won first place among the men whose representative from Alma was Lyle Barnhardt and Albion won first place among the women whom Blanche Mashin represented as the contestant from the women of the college.

Below is Miss Mashin's oration which is most interesting and worth while, and is printed because everyone has not had the privilege of hearing it.



BLANCHE R. MASHIN

ALMA LOST OUT TO YPSILANTI

Teachers Plainly Showed They Are Superior to Any Team Intercollegiate.

Alma lost to Ypsilanti here Friday evening in a hard-fought and well-played game. The teachers plainly showed that they were superior to any team in the Intercollegiate, but Alma, although playing a much improved form of game, seemed to lack the characteristic fight. Had Alma played a consistent fighting game there is little doubt but that the score would have been in favor of the home team.

The first half was very evenly played, Alma leading by a single point. The Maroon and Cream kept the ball in the visitor's territory the greater part of this half, missing several easy shots. Alma was passing better than anytime this year. Ypsilanti came back strong in the second half and got quite a lead in the first few minutes of play though brilliant passing and spectacular shooting. The locals then tightened up and played the brand of ball that they had played in the first half of the game. They succeeded in narrowing the margin but were unable to overcome the Normal's lead. All in all the team played one of the best games of the year considering their opponents.

Nesbit and Tebo were easily the stars of the home team. Tebo did brilliant work in playing the door, getting two long shots, while guarding very cleverly. Nesbit, coming back to his old form, did excellent work in breaking up the attacks of the visiting forwards. On many occasions he saved the situation and had it not been for his splendid defense, the Normals would have piled up a much higher score.

The stars for the Normals were Powers and Morris, both playing exceptional games.

The home team plays Hillsdale and Adrian next week which games will decide the M. I. A. A. championship. Let's have the biggest mass meeting of the season Thursday evening and also give the team a rousing send-off Friday morning. Alma will remember what you did at the Kazoo game, and the team needs the same stuff, even moreso, these days. Get behind another championship for this year.

Lineup and summary—
Alma _____ Ypsilanti
Richards _____ R. F. _____ Forsythe
F. Smith _____ L. F. _____ Powers
Anderson _____ C _____ Morriss
Tebo _____ L. G. _____ Edwards
Crittenden _____ R. G. _____ Lawler
Score: first half, Alma 12, Ypsilanti 11.

Final score: Ypsilanti 25, Alma 17.
Field baskets: Richard 1, F. Smith 1, Anderson 2, Tebo 2, D. Smith 1; Powers 6, Forsythe 2, Morris 3, Fouls: Anderson 2 out of 5, D. Smith 1 out of 1, Richards 0 out of 3, Powers 3 out of five. Substitutions: D. Smith for F. Smith, Drake for Lawler, Carleson for Forsythe.
Referee: Schwei of M. A. C.

NEW FACULTY MEMBER

Miss Hazel B. Crosby of Merrill has accepted a position as assistant in the music department of Alma college. The growth of this department has exceeded all expectations, forcing the college authorities to add to its faculty.

Miss Crosby graduated from the music department of Alma college in 1914, and for the following two years attended the University of Michigan School of Music. She will enter upon her new work here this coming Monday.

No man is so good but what he could be better and few men are so bad but what they could be worse.

Do not choose for your guide to the mountain a lover of the plain.

Two Dreams of World Empire

Twenty-seven years ago, a proud autocrat paced back and forth through the corridors of a magnificent palace in Germany. He looked out over a country that spoke of prosperity and unlimited resources, upon all its wealth and beauty that were under his direct sovereignty, and as he looked his heart swelled with pride.

"Is not this the great Germany I control," said he, "and am I not the acknowledged master? Are not all subject unto my law and authority? Is not this all mine, really mine?"

And with this boast yet ringing in his ears, this mad dreamer, imbued with his theory of divine right to rule, laid a paper in the hands of five hundred Germans who had been called to a conference in the Potsdam Palace in 1914. The pamphlet begins with these words: "The Pan German Empire—From Hamburg on the North Sea to the Persian Gulf. Our immediate goal, two hundred fifty million people; our ultimate goal, the Germanization of all the world." He had printed a world map with Berlin as the capitol, and Wilhelm II as Emperor. Across France was written "Germania," across Scotland and England "Germania," and this was his motto: "Brussels in three days, Paris in three weeks, London in three months, and the United States and Canada in three years. On this map, the "G" rests on San Francisco, and the "A" on our capitol, Washington. He was delirious in his dream of an empire of two hundred fifty million souls by 1915.

At this same council in the Potsdam Palace, the philosophy of militarism was circulated by means of a little iron coin which bore a portrait of the Diety. In his right hand He wields a sword of death, and under it are these words: "Smite and kill. No questions will be asked in the day of judgment." This was no mere idle play of words, for not only was this infamous doctrine stamped on a little iron coin, lasting as that depression might seem, but the acts which followed, the vile practices, the terrible injustice indicate that this mad theory was stamped on every individual heart and mind.

The German Empire did not rest upon ideals of justice and right, or "the consent of the Governed"; its corner stones were exalted power and military force. Bismark was even proud of this fact when he boastfully declared, "Not by parliamentary majorities has the German Empire been welded together, but by blood and iron."

Germany's territory was gained through sheer brute force. Schleswig and Holstein were stolen; Austria provoked to war; France was crushed, bled white and a highwayman's ransom taken from her. She was ravished of two of her richest provinces, the force in power utterly unheeded of the rights and aspirations of the nearly two million beings who made up their population; a mere flourish of the sword transformed almost fifty million Bavarians, Saxons and Wurttembergers into subjects of the German Empire without their having a word to say—nay, not even a prayer to breathe in self defense.

This same Empire was headed by a mad dreamer. His first state act was an address to "my" army "my" navy, and his address to "my" people followed three days afterward. Listen to some of his gloating phrases:

"The King holds his power by the Grace of God to whom alone he is responsible."

"There is only one law, my law, the law which I myself lay down."

The soldier must not have a will of his own; he must have only one will, and that is mine."

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NOTICE

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COLLEGE MEN AS LEADERS

In a recent issue of the New Era Magazine James E. Clarke writes an interesting article in which he points out the college graduate as a means in the fulfillment of the world's great call for leaders. The mass of people, he says, is now finding out what a few had always known—that the colleges have always furnished most of our national leaders. While only one per cent of American men are college graduates, yet from this one per cent have come 55 per cent of presidents, 69 per cent of justices of the supreme court, 54 per cent of our vice-presidents, 62 per cent of our secretaries of the state and about 90 per cent of our ministers, scientists, philosophers and statesmen. It is interesting to note these statistics and to compare them with the various records of the non-college men.

We are fast learning the value of trained men. Abraham Lincoln, who is so often taken as an example of the non-trained man, was not a college trained man but he was an educated man. Now days, in the new era, in the coming period of reconstruction of social and political institutions, strong helpful and capable leaders like Lincoln are necessary. We must look to our college and universities for them. The time is here when the world is understanding the tremendous asset in the higher institutions of learning. Like many other things the war has shown that the college man is the trained man and the man who will accomplish. Just as the college man was major, lieutenant or captain in military service so he will be in other work. The world looks to him for leadership. And no person having the opportunities of a college education can afford to lose or abuse any of them.

"GID-AP, NAPOLEON!"

Someone said that the most successful parties are those planned on the spur of the moment and executed forthwith. We Sophomores stand ready and anxious to verify the report. Thursday evening the class of 1921 was royally entertained at the Kneeland home in St. Louis—but oh!—the transportation, that's what we mean. It was a sleigh-ride in two sleighs and a big, bright moon maintaining a dreary surveillance.

At 7:15 p. m., after having a rather narrow escape insulting the "high and mighty" freshmen by climbing on board of a sleigh which we had hired and even helped till in the afternoon, we glided down Superior to the tune of "Jingle Bells." Of course when the infants confronted us with the fact that we're only sophomores, and that they were the faculty's own elect, we gave way before them and took the second sleigh.

No matter. We surely had guessed the weather man by being on the job and ready for this lone snowfall. The sleddin' was a little weak in places but our high hearts tided us over and we didn't have to push.

The lights and warmth of Helen's home hove in view about 8:15, and "Oh, Lady, Lady" was the chief amusement for the next hour. We spun the plate and paid our forfeits with cheerful grins. Kern, Kelly and Willet then succumbed to the manifest affections of the lady barbers. It was a goat getter! The real crux of the evening came with the Royal initiation into the society "de la verite." Some of our loyal sops—about a half dozen in num-

TWO DREAMS OF WORLD EMPIRE

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If an English king on his ascension had given utterance to such words, he probably would have lost his throne before sunset. Indeed, Wilhelm's assertions grew so bold that they awed even his autocratic precursor, Bismarck, who grimly announced after watching his King's sly cleverness in gently but firmly closing a deal. "That young man will some day play his hand, play it at the wrong time, and ruin his country." All this was autocracy's dream of world empire.

In 1776, in Independence Hall in Philadelphia, a group of earnest statesmen were gathered for the purpose of drawing up a document that would forever put an end to tyranny and despotism in that country which was then but a dream in men's minds—the United States. The occasion was a critical one; life hung in the balance. When the fifty-six names had been signed to this immortal Declaration (and well the signers knew that the outcome meant either victory or death for them), a principle was given birth and engraved on the nation's heart of hearts, that "all government must be by the consent of the governed."

As the enlightened nation grew, other principles emerged. Searching after right soon revealed the fact that sheer brute force was not the sole reliance and backing of nations, that far more important were justice and moral principle—ideals probably imperfectly realized at first—but they became the controlling forces in the life and conduct of that nation. These rock foundations were principles such as decency, mercy, a sense of fair play and honor, as contrasted with those supposedly invincible ones, cannon, shell, ships and guns. Then along with these new conceptions, came the idea that war was not the highest expression of national life, that there were much greater victories to be attained than those won by powder and shot, such as victory over ignorance, crime, superstition, disease and cruelty; that killing was not half so important as enlightening. All these new tendencies formed that conception of government and society, known as democracy.

Autocracy had its foundations and nurture in a group of ambition-mad rulers who spared neither life nor honor in the accomplishment of their base purposes; Democracy has its origin in Him who spake the words, "One is your Master, and all ye are brethren,"—a world inclusive, age inclusive message. This universal brotherhood, then, is democracy's dream of world empire. Contrast it, if you please, with German philosophy:

"To despoil your neighbors is to deprive them of the means of injuring you."

"Do not be ashamed of making international alliances from which you yourself can derive the whole advantage. Then do not make the foolish mistake of not breaking them when your interests require it."

"If, in international dealings, a man remembers he is a Christian, he is lost."

"Brotherhood," scoffs the autocrat, "should I be a brother to the peasant?—It is to laugh!"

Here you have an inevitable conflict between two civilizations, between two systems of government, centuries of struggle between two very opposing ideas of life itself. Antagonism on both sides, due to the very nature of the forces gradually made the situation so strained and tense that the war which followed was but the snap that permitted the defenders of both causes to rush to arms.

The nation or empire is not compact—a solid body—on the contrary, it is peculiarly individual. The national thought is swayed and formed by the thoughts and ideals of the individual. Who is that individual? Like a flash comes the answer—you. Because of your educational opportunities, the nation will have to turn to you for assistance. Reconstruction is the big task that is ahead, and you will be called upon to help, some of you in big noticeable campaigns; others in quiet, steady service. Your economy in food conservation is essential to keep alive the spirit of humanity, you will need to give of your brains and resources to rebuild devastated Europe. Not only will nations over-seas need you, but our own America calls you, when our boys come marching home after passing through a very Hell—she calls for your morale, your Christianity, your highest, noblest selves.

Which of these two dreams is to be realized? Listen—the very eternal peace of the ages rests with your decision. Can you catch the spirit of John McCray when he challenges:

"Take up our quarrel with the foe,
To you from falling hands we throw the torch,
Be it yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die;
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flander's Fields."

ber—insisted on telling us their lent vocal solo and our girls (of hearts desires much against our which there was a goodly supply) wishes. Then there was music and were heard in rapturous exclamations of admiration. At 10:30 by previous arrangements our drivers arrived, we bade our hosts a "sweet adieu" and slipped quietly home over the three miles which should have been ten. Mr. Tracy Kneeland gave an excel-

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POT-LUCK DINNER

Pleasing Affair staged in the Chapel March 1.

The venerable Hall of Learning which has witnessed so many frivolous student escapades, and which holds secrets and mysteries too deep for words, certainly must have chuckled to itself Saturday night, March 1, as it beheld the dignified faculty, and the faculty wives climb up the physics laboratory bringing baskets of goodies. "Faculty Feed," "No Smoking Aloud," "Potatoes Free" were some of the signs which caught the eye. Good strong coffee bubbled cheerfully over the Bunsen burner; cherrie, lemon and pumpkin pies were lined up on the counter; meat loaves, scalloped potatoes, and salad, to say nothing of jelly and pickles, were some of the good things that the various baskets contained.

After dinner came the "show." The stage in the chapel was realistic with its "lark that sings" hung up on the wall, its "garden seat" labeled so as to distinguish it from any ordinary seat) and its "privet hedge"—the sign attached to the green screen. Bernard Shaw's play, "O'Flaherty V. C.," was the first performance. Not only is the play in itself an excellent one, but the spirit of the performers gave an abundance of "pep" to Shaw's clever expressions. Irish O'Flaherty brought the house down with applause; the snippy little maid acted her part to perfection; the Irish mother continually harped at her son, until one almost believed she meant it, and the General was dignity in itself.

The second play was "The Twelve Pound Look" by Barrie. Sir Harry's first wife, the stenographer, was excellent in her interpretation of the play—one almost believed her to be professional. Sir Harry's second wife was meekness itself; and Sir Harry had a dignity in manner and bearing that well became him. The audience was an appreciative one and it is hard to tell who had the most fun out of the performance, the actors or the audience.

SCRUBS FALL TO REPUBLIC

Playing before a large audience, that was pleasantly surprised to see a preliminary to the Ypsi-Alma game Friday evening, Alma scrubs were beat by a close score. The fast work of the quintets overbalanced the fact that there was a great deal of individualism present.

This game not only served as an added attraction but also to pile up "pep" for the following game when spirit and loyalty was for every man that was working for the interest of the college.

From the first the game was one with plenty of scrap our men holding their opponents to a score of 8-8 at the end of the first half. Through the fast work of Smith the truck-makers slowly pulled away from the reserves and at the final whistle the score stood 16-12 in favor of the east sides.

Adams was the leading light for the Scrubs doing fast work and covering all parts of the floor. The rest of the team deserves mention for their work and especially so since they have never had a complete practice amongst themselves.

LINE UP

Smith _____ L. F. _____ Summerfeldt
Archer _____ R. F. _____ Amos
Coleman _____ C _____ Adams
Narrance _____ L. G. _____ Hale
Hann _____ R. G. _____ Anderson J.

COACH FITCH'S RESERVES WIN

Coach Fitch's Reserves and Ithaca Independents put on a fast game at Ithaca's gym, which was won by the Alma team by a 29 to 20 score.

Some good team work was shown by both teams Wednesday night. "Spindle" Adams had the jump on the opposing center and although the reserves had little practice together they worked fine together. Fluey Jackson was there when he should be ringing up baskets. Dunning played fine at forward. Tomion, although his first game, showed that he was a fine guard.

Bill Richards played a fine game at running guard making the only sensational touchdown of the game. Jimmie Hale played a steller game at right forward making 20 out of 29 points.

No one ever becomes rich enough to buy immunity from grief.

The test of every sale is whether or not the customer comes again.

FRESHMAN SLEIGH RIDE PARTY

Did the freshies have a good time Wednesday night? Well, I guess. Chaperoned by Willie and Mrs. Beardsley we started out on a sleigh ride at seven o'clock. Even though the sleighs were a little crowded and the blankets were somewhat scarce, happy faces were not lacking. Such explanations as, "Oh! my feet!" "Help, I'm falling!" "Please get over" etc, were to be heard on the loads. After about two hours the sleighs drove up to Prexy's house and unloaded sixty hungry freshmen. Say, doesn't a sleigh ride make a body hungry though? Mr. and Mrs. Prexy plus two crackling grate fires greeted us and soon the boastful freshmen were feeling right at home. It being a good time for the class to find out just how much talent its members really had, different ones were called upon for entertainment. Four young men volunteered to sing "Jada" and they, well—now we know that they're not so boastful after all. Going from the ridiculous to the sublime, we had Jeannie Miller play her violin for us, and she can play, you bet! The hit of the evening was a reading given and I believe composed by Louise Hainline entitled "That Wonderful Forest A. Smith." No wonder Forest left the room before she got half through her production. We think that Louise has a wonderful understanding of human nature.

Willie and Mrs. Beardsley both performed for us. Willie recited a poem entitled "That Long-handled Dipper" and Mrs. Beardsley gave a reading, I can't remember its title but it was something about married life.

The refreshments were magnificent, Mrs. Prexy, just the best ever! When a big bell tolled us that it was eleven o'clock, we reluctantly took our leave. Mr. and Mrs. Prexy certainly have won a place in the hearts of all the freshmen class and we are hoping that it proves visa-versa.

WILL RETURN

Captain Mac Kendrick, Canadian War Veteran, Visits Alma This Week.

It is with greatest pleasure and delight that the students of the college look forward to the return visit of Captain Mac Kendrick. He will be remembered as the Canadian war veteran, whose hair turned from black to white in twenty minutes and for his most winning smile, his captivating personality and by his remarkable appeals to men. The recollections of the former visit of the captain last fall will be sufficient to get large audiences at every meeting.

Captain Smith will arrive in Alma next Friday afternoon and will give an address the same afternoon. Meetings will be held some time on Saturday and Sunday morning.

Mr. C. E. Boyd, state student secretary of the Y. M. C. A. will also be in Alma with Captain Mac Kendrick.

There is no need of urging the student body to back up these meetings. The appeal of this remarkable man will be sufficient to attract us.

FROEBEL SOCIETY

The Froebel society held their regular meeting March 3, 1919. Roll call was responded to by a current event on Russia. After the disposal of all business matters Gretchen Gies gave a paper on the "Description of Russia" giving a geographical description of that country. They presented to the members a new picture of Russia.

Florence Thompson read a very interesting paper on "Democratic Russia as Our Ally," relating many important facts. The girls then gave the Froebel yell and the meeting was adjourned.

Y. W. C. A.

A missionary meeting led by Miss Virginia Blick was held Sunday, March 9, in Wright Hall. After a short prayer service Miss Blick read her scripture selection. She took as the text of her talk the words of the Greeks spoken to Philip, "Sir, we would see Christ." Miss Blick said that these words expressed the situation in heathen lands. For Africa and many other lands are waiting for the missionaries who will consecrate their lives to God's service. Miss Green sang a very beautiful sacred song, "Oh Lord, Be Merciful." The meeting was then closed with the Mizpah benediction.

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CAMPUS BREEZES

No week end trip for Bullet this week, that is, we mean not out of town, of course.

Now if some one really wanted to reform Alma college he would suspend Bible classes and cancel chapel. Then fire about four thirds of the inhabitants and next hire Willet, Bert, Peggy, Loretta, Genevra and Miss Grace Roberts to teach this gang how to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

"Bill," alias "Shorty," "Scoop" and "Tiny" Amos made debut in chapel Thursday morning. We see his finish if any of these dusky southern congregations "evah git ahoid uv him, Foh he suah would make some shoutin' leadah."

These banquets are surely hard on the fellows' vocabularies. Kern almost had a fight with Mr. Bittner because the latter wouldn't sell him a "pressage or a creosage." Even "Jinny" Hale insisted on "a bouquet of corsages."

Prexy came pretty close to home when he immortalized the Chinese race in that talk on "Chink Psychology." Prexy we wish for the soft pedal when we have a slant-eyed specimen in our midst.

We haven't been able to touch Kelley with a twenty-foot pole this last week end. Guess the reason and you get the girls.

It was just like old times Friday night to hear Bert and Arlene stage their usual week end quarrel.

Last week in the Almanian there was a line which read as follows: "When the Y. W. votes for officers next week ——" It should have read, "When the Y. W. votes for officers next week it will find that the ballot box has been stuffed." All said and done, the ballot box was found stuffed. A large bottle with a Dr. Carney label on it almost completely filled the box. Just why the Y. W. C. A. ballot box should be used as a medicine cabinet or just whom the said property was supposed to have represented is still a mystery and, unless we are duly informed within a short time, someone will have lost a vote.

Word has been received that Pvt. Thomas Stitt has returned from France and is now in the hospital in New York recovering from his recent illness.

"Hap" Spooner, who is with the A. E. F. in France, has been in the hospital with the "flu."

Bernice Ireland, '16 is teaching at Northern High in Detroit.

Lydia Resseguie Reese, 17, is teaching English and History at the Junior High in Holland.

Ruth Stacy, '16, has a position in a bank at Denver, Col., where she was sent by the bank in Kansas City, where she was formerly employed.

Miss Bernice Boylen of Detroit was a guest of Alice Lansing over the week end.

Professor Brokenshire acted as toastmaster at the "Father and Son" banquet which was held Wednesday evening.

Miss Beatrice Koepfgen, who is student field representative for the central state colleges leaves Wednesday for Chicago to attend the Undergraduate Field Representatives meeting. The Undergraduates will meet with the officers of the Industrial Federation of Young Women's Christian association and with various other committees.

Messrs Hanley, Amos and Sharrar in company with Professor Hosmer gave a very delightful vocal selection in chapel last week. (Let's demand the encore this week.)

Bess Sandorf recently took the leading part in a drama put on by the dramatic society of the Kalamazoo normal.

Miss Mildred Segendorf of Greenville was the guest of Martha Purdy over the week end.

John Lott has returned to Alma and has accepted a position at the Republic.

Mrs. Bay of Calumet visited her son, Carrol, for a few days last week.

Arlene McKay was here for the banquet.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ford Gargge of Mt. Pleasant, February 25, a daughter, Elizabeth Ada Gargge.

Miss Henrietta Shen of Saginaw was the guest of Miss Robinson for a few days last week.

Miss Louise Beck of Detroit was the week end guest of Gertrude Peters.

Marie Doane returned to Alma Friday to be present for the Zeta Sigma banquet.

Leone Tatroe was a week end guest. It seemed like old times to see Leone's smiling face with us again.

"Sis" Coleman returned for the banquet. There was no sleeping done last week end.

Marion Cooper was the week end guest of Marie Doane. We know now why Bullet's face has been wreathed in smiles all week.

The students and faculty received a cordial invitation to attend the reception for the Reverend Mr. Gelston given by Dr. and Mrs. Lamb.

ALPHA THETA

The meeting of the society March 4th was immensely enjoyed by all. After an interesting roll call upon current events, Miss Margaret Moore sketched the important facts in the impromptu, "The Literary Progenitors of Bolshevik Russia," and Miss Louise Osgood gave the impromptu, "Nicholas Tshykovsky." Miss Miriam McIntosh then read a very instructive paper which gave a panorama of "The Russian Situation." The Bureaucratic system, Bolshevism, heroism of the Russian women and the characteristics of the Russian people were discussed in interesting and instructive detail. Miss Gertrude Peters received effectively a Russian book entitled "The Village" by Earnest Poole. She discussed Poole's presentation of the different classes of Russia, and the traits of the peasants particularly. She gave us an intensely interesting contrast between the characteristics of Russians and of Americans. A very Russian piano selection "Un Sois de June" rendered by Miss Helen Grimm concluded the program. The society adjourned upon completion of a few business matters.

ZETA SIGMA

The Zeta Sigma society meeting of March 3, opened with prayer by Tebo. This was followed with a paper by Lee Sharrar entitled "Through the Barracks with a Flashlight." This paper was very interesting. Lee saw some very funny happenings, even unto our dear old Bob, whom he claims to have seen running down the hall after taps. I think Bob must have had the nightmare.

Frank Pelton followed by reading an article, "The S. A. T. C., a comedy." This was also a very interesting article as it brought out a number of good points of the S. A. T. C. which we never gave thought to before.

"Bullet" Fitch gave an interesting talk on "Past Zeta Sigma Banquets I Have Attended." One thing "Bullet" forgot to tell and that was the amount he ate at these banquets. "Bullet" says, "make yourself right at home."

PHILOMATHEAN

Monday evening, March 3, Philomathean Literary society had a very enjoyable meeting. Russia was the subject of discussion. Roll call was responded to by the name of a Russian author and a list of his most important works. Immediately following roll call the lights were turned low and the society received into full membership Miss Elizabeth Buckley and Miss Gretta Iutzi. Because of the lack of time the impromptu for the evening was omitted. A very interesting paper on Count Leo Tolstoi was given by Miss Marjorie McCurdy. Hilda Ward then briefly reviewed the life of Turgeniff and one of his novels, "Smoke." The program was concluded by a "Russian Dance" of Moskowski's, which was played by Miss Blanche Mashin. The society was then adjourned until Monday evening, March 10.

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also World comedy, "The Cross
Red Nurse"

Alice Brady
—in—
"THE DEATH DANCE"
also Mack Swain in "His Lov-
ing Memory"

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"The Lee Kids"
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