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HELPFUL CRITICISM

One of the finest attributes of the human kind is the power to criticize. Criticism if the right kind is without doubt an asset to any one and any organization. In fact, little progress would ever be made were it not that we are shown wherein mistakes lie and improvements may be made. Yet there are those who take a delight in attempting to ridicule an earnest attempt on the part of college students to put across some project and to make a success of the same. Such an attempt is being made this year on the part of the Weekly Almanian staff.

Not for a moment does this small group of just ordinary Alma students claim to be above criticism, and especially from that of the old students and graduates of our College. Just and constructive criticism is and always will be welcomed at this office, and as the suggestions are offered attempts will be made to strengthen the weak spots. However, when there comes to this office a direct insult to the paper the Almanian feels that it is high time to take its stand on the value of the paper.

The circumstances will bear repeating. The business manager received a check for \$1.50 as a subscription for the paper. Mr. Smith acknowledged the same in his letter stated the fact that "owing to the increased cost of materials another fifty cents was due." In his hurry the business manager made a type error. The kind subscriber offers to "keep this grammatical error under his hat if we will send the sheet. It ought, to be worth 50c. Maybe Mrs. A. will repent and send you the 50c." First, since our critic is so intelligent and correct in his "grammatical error" it would be well for him to understand that there was no grammatical error but a spelling error. The 50c may prove to be worth a little more to the kind and generous subscriber but if he is doubtful as to whether his college paper is worth it we suggest that he contribute the amount anyway toward the general fund of the paper which loyal support would be highly appreciated from a mercenary standpoint, at least. And if his wife is one of the kind who needs to repent for something which she has already done, we suggest that she go to the right source and acknowledge her many sins.

While this may seem a small matter to occupy so much of our valuable space, the Almanian takes this method of requesting our readers to be alert to criticize and to see mistakes, but at the same time let those suggestions as are offered be such that they may be carried out to the improvement of the paper in making it a greater success and a greater benefit to all concerned.

The Almanian is the students' paper, whether they are at present in college or not. Let all make it a representative paper, and one which can be made the best that has ever been published, not correcting the same by ridicule and foolish pratishness, but by healthy criticism and possible remedies.

AMERICAN LEGION ORGANIZED

The George W. Meyers Post No. 132, American Legion, has been organized in this city, the charter having been received and the steps to complete the organization having been taken at a meeting of the World War veterans held last Friday at the high school.

Forty young men who were in the service were present at the meeting and joined the post as charter members of the organization.

The Dutchmen are huskies, Alma needs your support.

No slackers next Saturday.

COLLEGE MUSIC DEPT.

MEN'S GLEE CLUB

The College is to be congratulated in having this year a goodly array of singers for the musical clubs.

With a number of old student members back and several good voices selected from the new students the Men's Glee club has reorganized and begun weekly rehearsals with twenty members.

The following is the personnel of the club:

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| 1st Tenors | 2nd Tenors |
| Amos | Boyne |
| Beattie | Cash |
| Hopkins | Jackson |
| Mark | Perrigo |
| Vender | Sharrar |
| 1st Basses | 2nd Basses |
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GIRLS GLEE CLUB

The Girls' Glee club is composed of sixteen members with Miss Charlotte Hawes, president; Miss Esther Fredericks, manager, and Miss Young, librarian. A number of good voices has been added to the club to take the place of last year members who are not in college this year. The personnel is as follows: Sopranos, Misses Buck, Green, Hawes, Young, Buckley, Depew, Harrington, Paul; Altos, Misses Beckwith, Mashin, Moore, Swift, Field Forrester, Fredericks, Guickhard.

These two clubs form the nucleus of the college choral society, but should not be in the majority. With the number of singers this year there should be at least one hundred members. The chorus is open to all singers and all are cordially invited to join.

The officers of this organization are president, Mr. Howard Handley; secretary, Miss Charlotte Hawes; librarian, Mr. Ellett.

Two public concerts will be given, the first to be the oratorio of "The Messiah," as one number of the Lyceum course on December 17.

Outside soloists of recognized ability will be engaged for this and the later concert.

Faithful weekly attendance is required of all members of all clubs. Let us make this a big musical year for our college.

CAMPUS DAY PROGRAM

Last May the annual Campus day was held by the students and faculty of the college. In making preparations for the same, considerable difficulty was met in trying to make plans for a successful day. While much work was done in trimming trees, making roads and raking leaves, to say nothing of the work done in and around the confines of Pioneer and Wright halls, it was felt that there should be some more definite line of work planned and carried out, the result of which would be more or less permanent.

October is a few months ahead of May, yet it is none too early for this matter to come under the consideration of the college. Possibly some committee of one or two members from the students and faculty could be selected in the near future and these people be made responsible for conducting a well formed program for that important day of our college year.

The importance of this matter cannot be impressed too strongly upon the mind of the college. Let all show an interest and let a definite day be set and a definite program of activities arranged.

THINGS AHEAD

- Wednesday, October 15—Founders' Day.
- Thursday, October 16—Y. W. C. A.
- Saturday, October 18—Alma-Hope, Davis Field.
- Sunday, October 19—Y. M. C. A.
- October 29 to November 1—State Teachers' Association, Detroit.

CHAPEL TALKS

Rev. Gelston in leading chapel Monday morning spoke on the subject of "Honor in the class room." His presentation of the subject was clear, concise and to the point. He laid plainly before us the fact that dishonesty in the class room is just as detrimental to our moral standards and as much a sin as dishonesty found anywhere else. He spoke of the lightness with which some of us regard "cribbing" and how it is found to effect the character of the person who does it. He laid before us the English college with its ideals and expressed the hope that Alma might also live up to these standards. His talk was one not at all out of place and should furnish serious thought for all students for this problem is one with which every student is bound to come face to face at some time during his college career.

The chapel period Tuesday was taken up by a most interesting talk given by Thomas C. Blaisdell, son of ex-president Blaisdell of Alma college and himself a one time Alma student. He put before the student body the project of the Student Volunteer movement of America. He sketched for us the history of the movement from its beginning about thirty years ago under the leadership of such men as Robert E. Speer and John R. Mott. He told how the organization had developed under the motto, "The Christianizing of the world in this generation."

He told us how it had evolved from the idea that the command to "go unto all the world and teach the Gospel to every living creature" was not idle advice but a full hearted command and that we had fooled long enough with our Lord's word. The increase of interest in the movement and its work during these thirty-three years was brought out to good effect.

Then he put the proposition equally up to the student saying, "The first generation has passed and the world is still unchristianized. It therefore becomes our duty to take the work where they left off and accept with all our hearts, their motto only with emphasis on this generation."

Mr. Blaisdell then spoke of the convention to be held in Des Moines during the coming holidays, to which Alma is asked to send delegates. His appeal for financial support of these delegates was answered generously by subscription from the student body amounting to \$250.

On Friday morning, Dr. Jay Clisbe led the exercises. Needless to say the words which came from the lips of such a character as Dr. Clisbe were heeded by every one in the Chapel. The talk was concerning habits, and an earnest plea was made for men and women to form such habits as will be of the greatest benefit not only to themselves but to the world at large.

LIBRARY NOTES

The cumulated volume of the Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature, 1915-1918, has been received at the library during the past week, and may be found ready for use on the charging desk counter. Every student will find this publication a convenient and useful aid in research.

In the new Literary Digest, for October eleventh, there is an interesting review entitled, "Not highbrows, but wives and moters are developed by the woman's college to-day."

Among the new books received during the past week are the following: Baly, E. C. C.—Spectroscopy.
Cole, R. S.—Treatise on photographic optics.
Condensed chemical dictionary.
Hanley, L. H.—Business organization and combination.
Hill, D. J.—World organization.
Loram, C. T.—Education of the Moses, A. J.—Elements of mineralogy.

Ogg, F. A.—Economic development of modern Europe.
Platner's manual of qualitative and quantitative analysis.
Schuster, A.—Introduction to the theory of optics.
Taft, W. H.—Our chief magistrate and his powers.
Williams, S. W.—The middle kingdom... Chinese empire.

PHILOMATHEAN TEA

The Philomathean entertained their patronesses and honorary members with other guests at a tea in the society room on Saturday afternoon.

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WEDNESDAY—Pauline Fredericks in "The Fear Woman."

THURSDAY—Bert Lytell in "One-Thing-At-A-Time 'Day'."

FRIDAY—Taylor Holmes in "Taxi."

SATURDAY—Elsie Ferguson in "The Society Exile."

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PIONEER HALL MEETING

On Thursday night a meeting of all men of Pioneer Hall was called by Dean Mitchell. Monitors were elected with the necessary power to enact such rules as may be best for living in the dorm. With this step taken it is hoped that regular hours for study and so forth will be made possible. Professor Hamilton and Coach Wood made timely remarks.

The monitors elected are: Chairman, Leo Miller, Thomas Jackson, McKinley Payne, Melvin R. Vender, Edwin Boyne, John Finlayson, William Amos.

ALMA'S CHANCES

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November 15—Kalamazoo College at Alma.

There is a slight possibility that a game may yet be scheduled with the Mt. Pleasant Normals, who are holding out strenuously for a November date, but the game is still far from certain.

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MANY PRESBYTERIANS HERE

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5:15 p. m.—The new era movement. Report of Rev. Joseph A. Vance, D. D., Synodical Chairman. Discussion of plans for the new year led by Rev. Robert E. Pugh, D. D. Address, Mr. David McConaughy on "Stewardship."

Wednesday Evening
6:00 p. m.—Complimentary banquet to the members of Synod at Wright Hall, Alma college.

7:30 p. m.—Celebration of Founders' day at Alma college. Popular meeting at the college chapel. On October 14, 1866, the Synod of Michigan passed the following resolution, "Resolved, That in view of all the facts brought before us, we will, with God's help, establish and endow a college within our bounds."

Thursday, October 16th
8:30 a. m.—Devotional service, led by Rev. William H. Long.

9:00 a. m.—Business session. Minutes and roll call.

9:20 a. m.—Temperance. Report of committee, Elder J. H. Nisbet, Maple Ridge. Anti-Saloon League address by the secretary.

7:45 a. m.—Education and college interests. Report of committee, Rev. Irwin E. Bradford. Report of trustees of Alma college. Address by Rev. James Morrison Barkley, D. D., president Harry Means Crooks, LL. D. and Rev. R. C. Hughes, D. D.

11:00 a. m.—Freedmen. Report of committee, Rev. Joshua R. Mitchell, D. D.

11:15 a. m.—"The Family Altar League," Rev. William M. Holderby, D. D.

Thursday Afternoon
2:00 p. m.—The following committees are to report: Executive Commission. Special committee on Ysilyanti student pastor, Rev. M. C. Morgan, D. D. M. A. C. spiritual conditions, Rev. Willard K. Spencer, D. D. Howell memorial, Rev. J. M. Barkley, D. D. American Bible society, Rev. William H. Mason, D. D. Presbyterian history and Presbyterian Historical society, Rev. Willard K. Spencer, D. D. The stated clerk. Vacancy and supply. Auditing. Judicial. Nominations. Records of Presbyteries. Place of next meeting. Finance. Delegates from corresponding bodies. Delegates to corresponding bodies. Miscellaneous Business. Reading of minutes and completion of the roll. Enrollment and Absence. Final roll call.

Thursday Evening
Popular meeting in the interest of the New Era movement. Address, Rev. William C. Covert, D. D. and Mr. David McConaughy.

ALMA TROUNCED
BY M. A. C. ELEVEN

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the only hope that can be held for a victory over the Methodists, October 25.

The line-up:

M. A. C.	ALMA
Ramsay	L. E. Boyne
Coryell	L. T. Mills
Vandervoort	L. G. Sartor
Archer	C. Gaffney
Miller	R. G. Miller
Robinson	R. T. Anderson
Thomson	R. E. Mark
Springer	Q. Hebert
Noblet	L. H. Smith
Schwei	R. H. Richards
Hammes	F. B. Walker

Score by quarters 1 2 3 4
M. A. C.19 7 14 6—46
Alma 6 0 0 0—6
Touchdowns: M. A. C.—Ramsey, Noblet 2, Hammes 2, Schwei, Andrews; Alma—Boyne. Goals from touchdown—Schwei, Hammes 3. Substitutes: Alma—Jackson for Sartor, Beattie for Anderson, Waggoner for Gaffney, Tebo for Mark, Milford for Walker, Rose for Miller; M. A. C.—Lefler for Robinson, Palm for Hammes, Hammes for Palm, Van Orden for Lefler, Andrews for Thomson, Jacklin for Hammes, Walton for Ramsay, Leach for Coryell.

Time of quarters—15 minutes. Referee—Eldridge, U. of M. Umpire—Lawton, U. of M. Head linesman—Beatty, M. A. C.

PHI PHI ALPHA

The regular meeting of Phi Phi Alpha was held in the society room last Monday night. The chief business of the evening was the initiation of eight new men. Those taken in were,

- Arthur Peterson
 - Claude Eckles
 - Richard Waggoner
 - Clarence Hendershot
 - Harold Wilson
 - John Dasef
 - Wallace Kemp
 - Frank Notestein
- After the ceremony doughnuts and cider were served.

Hope-Alma—keen rivals.

MANY ATTEND

That the "go to church" movement had a good effect in Alma was very much in evidence from the number of people who attended worship Sunday at each of the Alma churches, there being a far larger attendance than has usually been the case.

The sermons prepared by the pastors for Sunday were of a highly interesting nature, and attracted good attention from the large audiences, and it is certain that many of those who attended worship Sunday under the plea of the go to church movement, will attend again this coming Sunday, and as a result much real good is certain to result from the movement this year.

Most of the pastors of the city are endeavoring to bring present day problems up for discussion, and creating an additional interest in the services through the medium of these matters which are vital to the moral and social betterment of the community and state, and without a doubt in this connection the go to church movement is certain to have a lasting effect, even though it may be so indirect as to not be traceable with the greatest of ease.

This is only the first of several united efforts that the members of the Federation of Churches are thinking of co-operating in. Altho final action has not yet been taken, it is proposed by the committee that has the matter in charge, that Alma have a city wide week of prayer in January and a city wide evangelistic campaign in April. Both would be conducted by the pastors of the local churches. Such plans have proven of great value in other places and it is felt that they will prove equally successful in Alma.

BUY W. S. S.

Another one of Uncle Sam's big pay days comes on October 15. Then you again will have an opportunity to clip your Liberty bond coupons and re-invest the interest in another form of Government security—War Savings stamps or the new Treasury Savings certificates. Interest on Liberty bonds to the total amount of \$78,102,249.28 will be paid by the Treasury department on October 15.

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PHILOMATHEAN

The Philomathean literary society held its regular meeting Monday evening. The roll call was responded to by interesting facts about Ireland. A splendid report on the article, "America and the Irish," which appeared in the October "World's Work," was given by Marjorie MacCurdy. Then followed an impromptu debate on the question, "Resolved, that hazing should be allowed in Alma college." The affirmative was supported by Mildred McBride, Dorothy Hall and Louise Hainline; the negative by Gretta Iutzi, Elizabeth Buckley and Helen Huff. The affirmative won. The meeting was then adjourned.

FROEBEL

The regular meeting of the Froebel society was held on Monday evening, October 6th. Each member responded to the roll call by giving a current event. The following program was given:

- "What Educational Results of the Kindergarten Cannot be Measured?"—Beulah Garland.
- "Economics of Kindergarten"—Jennie Dudley.
- Adjournment.
- Froebel yell.

Co-operate

Prof.—I want to see you get a B on this exam, young man.
Y. M.—So do I. Let's pull together.—Dartmouth Jack o' Lantern.

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