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LECTURES ON U. OF M. LIBRARY

William Warner Bishop Gives
Fifth of Library Lecture
Series Saturday.

The lecture of last Saturday evening by Dr. William Warner Bishop, librarian of the University of Michigan, was both interesting and informing. Dr. Bishop briefly outlined the history of the library, founded in 1837. Thirty years ago it contained about 90,000 volumes, whereas today the accessions equal 450,000, making this the largest library between the Atlantic Coast and Chicago.

Before showing views of the old and new library buildings Dr. Bishop gave views of distinctive types of other large university libraries, such as the University of Pennsylvania, Columbia University, Harper Memorial of Chicago, Washington University of St. Louis, and the \$3,000,000 Widener Memorial of Harvard. Most of these buildings are beautiful and imposing architecturally, but poorly planned and unsuitable for the real purpose for which they were erected.

A library is a place in which to read and study. Light is an essential feature, and therefore large, unobstructed windows are a necessity. Quick, satisfactory service is also very important, and this is possible if public catalogues and charging desks are centrally located, and near the book stacks.

Architects are prone to plan libraries from the aesthetic viewpoint only. In the building of this new library of the University of Michigan an effort was made to have utility and convenience the main features, and to avoid the mistakes of other notable libraries.

Dr. Bishop stated that re-enforced concrete, with brick facing, is as satisfactory for large libraries as steel with brick facing, and much less expensive.

Floor plans, and exterior and interior views of the new building—so recently completed—gave the audience a very clear idea of the convenient and serviceable arrangement throughout from basement to fourth floor.

Increased bookstack capacity may be provided in future by running the stacks up several stories higher, when needed.

In the fine system of reflected lighting, of the main reading-room, the fixtures are placed just above the bookcases, thus making it possible to clean the bulbs weekly, thereby providing full power of the lights, undimmed by dust.

In other, smaller reading rooms and work rooms a system of suspended lights, invented by Prof. Shepard, of the University Faculty, has worked out most satisfactorily. This affords both reflected and direct light, in such a manner as not to shine in the readers' eyes.

The cost of this entire plant was only 25 cents per cubic foot, as against 75 cents or \$1.00 per cubic foot of other war-time buildings.

Although the University of Michigan library is not as beautiful, architecturally, on its exterior, as it might have been had the state been able to afford a larger appropriation for such beauty, yet the interior of this building is proving so satisfactory as to bring librarians and architects from far and near to study its advantages.

Dr. Bishop explained the inter-library loan system for books, and the library extension service which supplies hundreds of high schools throughout Michigan with current

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Annual Y W C A Carnival

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Watch for Announcements

THINGS AHEAD

April 19—Y. W. C. A. Cabinet Banquet.
April 22—Mt. Pleasant at Alma, baseball.
April 23—Fröbel All-College Dance.
April 29—Alpha Theta Play.
April 30—Sophomore All-College Party.
May 6—Hillsdale at Alma, baseball.
May 7—Albion at Alma, baseball.
May 7—Wright Hall Open House.
May 13-14—Girls' Glee Club Trip.

BIG DANCE IS PLANNED

Spring Formal of Fröbel to Be Attractive Event, Society Promises.

The formal to be given April 23 by the Fröbel girls promises to be the most attractive affair ever conducted under the auspices of the society. The plans being made for the dance are most elaborate; many out of town guests are expected. Guests will be received at 7:45 and the grand march will start at eight o'clock.

The patroness for the dance is to be Miss Marguerite Conyne. The chaperones are Dean Pollock, Dean Mitchell, and Professor and Mrs. Hamilton.

The committees in charge of arrangements are:

Decorations—Gladys Edgar, Jeanette Curtis, Vera Hudson, Blossom Black.

Program—Fromilda Young, Mildred Chevie, Harriette Brown, Margaret Ardis.

Music—Helen McConkey, Pauline Swift.

Reception—Elizabeth Anderson, Pauline Swift.

Y. W. C. A.

The regular meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was held at Wright Hall, April 14. The meeting was opened by a Y. W. song. Miss Esther Friedrich then read the Scripture, Psalm 119, after which Miss Helen Huff played a piano solo. The new officers were then installed, the old officers giving a lighted candle, the emblems of their duties, to the new officers, who are as follows:

Chairman of the House Committee—Margaret Poole.

Chairman of the Publicity Committee—Mildred Chevie.

Chairman of the Community Service Committee—Lucy Fellows.

Chairman of the World Fellowship Committee—Pauline Strick.

Chairman of the Religious Meetings Committee—Agnes Youngs.

Treasurer—Ruth Stewart.

Secretary—Helen Brien.

Vice President—Louise Hainline.

Undergraduate Field Representative—Mabel Field.

President—Louise Osgood.

A regular meeting of the Philomathean literary society was held on Monday, April 11. After a rather prolonged business meeting the one paper of the evening was read. It was Dean Pollock's paper on Walt Whitman which we had wanted to hear for some time. The paper met all our expectations and we as a society and as individuals, want to thank Dean Pollock for her interest in Philomathean.

GLEE CLUB GIVES CLOSING CONCERT

Finishes Season in Successful Appearance at St. Louis Tuesday Evening.

A most pleasing concert was given by the Men's Glee Club in St. Louis Tuesday evening. In spite of the rather poor attendance, which might have been expected to discourage the singers, the work in both the individual and ensemble numbers was very well done.

Because of the fact that the Home Concert of the club will probably be done away with, the students of the college were permitted to attend the concert in our neighboring city, and they turned out in such numbers that when the college song was sung it seemed that the whole audience was on its feet. The trip over and back was made in the luxurious comfort of the motor busses, packed to full capacity.

The program was made up of three appearances of the club, and individual numbers by professor Beausang, Kenneth Thoms, Lee Sharrar, and duet work by Hopkins and Lyons.

All of the club numbers were welcomed with deserved enthusiasm, for they were rendered with excellent harmony and in fine style. The only disappointment from this angle seems to be that some of the students had been waiting for "Annie Laurie," which was not given.

Thoms took his audience by storm with the violin solos which he gave. It was easy to see why he received so much acclaim on the northern peninsula trip. Kenneth is a fine dance fiddler but when he appeared with the club he showed himself to be a real solo violinist.

The work of Professor Beausang was also excellent. The numbers he chose were well adapted to his voice, and were sung with great expressive force.

Lyons and Hopkins might well become another Collins and Harlan if their work in the "Tramp Song" is any index. But this was only an encore to pieces of a different nature which were even more appealing to those who heard them.

As a reader Lee M. Sharrar appeared again with the old time "red head" favorites and with a number of catchy new ones. Sharrar needs no recommendation, the fact that he appeared always means that he did well.

After the quality which the club showed on this occasion, it would almost seem that the student body would demand a Home Concert. The excellent showing that the singers made is a tribute to the work of Professor Beausang and the diligence of the individual members.

PHI PHI ALPHA

The regular meeting of Phi Phi Alpha was held Monday evening, President Calkins presiding. It was given over almost entirely to the discussion of business. Favorable action was taken on the matter of further support to the endowment campaign. After a few committee reports, the meeting adjourned.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

April 22—Fri.—Mt. Pleasant at Alma.
April 29—Fri.—Hillsdale at Hillsdale.
April 30—Sat.—Adrian at Adrian.
May 6—Fri.—Hillsdale at Alma.
May 7—Sat.—Albion at Alma.
May 14—Sat.—Ypsilanti at Alma.
May 20—Fri.—Kalamazoo at Kalamazoo.
May 21—Sat.—Albion at Albion.
May 27—Fri.—Kalamazoo at Alma.
May 30—Mon.—M. A. C. at East Lansing.
June 3—Fri.—Field Day at Albion.
June 4—Sat.—Field Day at Albion.

ALMA OPENS SEASON HERE

Baseball Men Meet Strong Mt. Pleasant Nine on Davis Field Friday.

The baseball season at Alma College will be inaugurated Friday afternoon on Davis field, when Coach Simmon's Mt. Pleasant Normalites trot out on the field with the strongest lineup that the Teachers have ever brought to this city. They will also bring plenty of confidence with them, that they will be able to defeat Coach Steele's Maroon and Cream outfit in the first home game of the year.

The Central State Teachers look to have just about the strongest team that any educational institution in the state can boast this year, with a bunch of veterans that include both LeCronier and Brooks, well known to Alma baseball fans. Brooks will perhaps be best remembered by Alma fans from his game against the Republics a year ago last fall, when he was hurling with the Erd Motor team of Saginaw. At that time Brooks forced Rip Hagerman to go twelve rounds before the Alma team won 1 to 0. LeCronier piled up a big string of victories with the Transport Trucks last year, that was not broken until the Republics slammed them hard late in the season.

There is no question but what the Normalites will bring the strongest pitching staff to Alma, that has ever gone onto Davis field to oppose the collegians.

Against this great array of talent Coach Steele will send an untried nine into the field, which the fans hope will rise to the occasion and show some real baseball. The work-outs of the local squad have been hit hard by the weather conditions, which naturally have retarded the work of Coach Steele in grinding out a capable bunch of performers, but indications are that Alma will be represented by a good team in the M. I. A. A.

In the Friday fray it is expected that LeCronier, who held the Western State Normals runless last week in Mt. Pleasant's first game, will be sent to the box to work for the Teachers. Steele will probably select French to work for the Maroon and Cream.

SUPPER PARTY

A supper party was given at Wright Hall on Saturday evening by Miss Ward in honor of Dr. Bishop, the other outside guests being Mrs. Crooks and Dr. and Mrs. Randels. President Crooks was absent from town, on campaign affairs. The library class members completed the number of the party to fourteen.

Over ten thousand students in Ohio colleges and universities voted on the dry issue in the November election in that state.

ALMA DEBATERS LOSE TO HOPE

Dutchmen, Upholding Negative of Jap Exclusion Question, Get 2 to 1 Decision.

Alma's affirmative debaters lost a 2 to 1 decision to the Hope negative team in the debate on the Japanese immigration question which was held in the college chapel Friday evening.

The statement of the question was "Resolved, that the United States should prohibit all further Japanese immigration."

The first speaker for the affirmative, Lowell Hudson, maintained the failure of the gentlemen's agreement to fulfill its purpose of regulation and showed its fault in the nature of the covenant, in its practical workings, and in the demand of present conditions for a change.

The first negative speaker for Hope, Mr. Priins, held that the Japanese do not constitute a menace under proper regulation and proceeded to show their desirable qualities, their assimilability, and the insignificance of the supposed "yellow peril."

Vreeland, as second affirmative speaker, produced evidence to show the un-assimilability of the Japanese either socially or economically, without disastrous results.

Mr. A. Rynbrandt, the second speaker for the negative, argued that exclusion would be a disastrous policy because it would increase illegitimate immigration, it would be a discriminatory act against Japan, it would produce racial prejudice, and would be detrimental to our friendly relations with the Japanese nation.

The contention of the final affirmative speaker, Mr. Robert Wyatt, was that economic conditions were such that there could be no further Japanese immigration without endangering the country. He also showed that public opinion, which must be regarded, should be heeded, and that exclusion was not a discriminatory measure.

In the last speech for the negative, Mr. Peter DeVrees, introduced a plan of regulation of immigration in connection with the 3 per cent plan, which would regulate all immigration according to the demand for it in this country, and which would take in the Japanese as a particular instance of the whole problem. Mr. DeVrees must be given great credit for the masterly way in which he handled his argument, and the effectiveness of the argument he put forth.

The chairman of the debate was Dean James E. Mitchell.

On the whole the two sides showed an especially good command of the facts in the case. The strongest point of the Hope argument was undoubtedly their plan, while the non-assimilation argument of the affirmative was very effective. The showing which Alma's debaters made was a good one. Vreeland put forth the best constructive argument for his

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ZETA SIGMA

The regular meeting of Zeta Sigma was held on April 11, 1921, with President French in the chair. After transacting the usual business, the election of officers took place. The following men were elected:

President—Ralph Dean.
Vice President—Robert Wyatt.
Secretary—Sidney Foster.
Treasurer—Bert Millett.
Second Critic—Lee Sharrar.
Keeper of the Arcives—Elmer Vonderheide.

After a careful consideration of the various candidates, the society elected Mr. Wilbur Van Page janitor.

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HOT GAME

Almanian Reporter Gets Scoop on
Season's First Baseball
Game.

In a loosely played game which marked the opening of the 1921 baseball season, the Alma College aggregation came from behind in the ninth inning, and by scoring three runs were able to tie Mt. Pleasant.

Scott hurled the white pill for the strawberry and cream battlers for the first five frames, and held the pedagogical batsmen to six runs. He was replaced by French in the sixth, and except for three runs in that inning the Alma northpaw had them eating out of his hand. Quinlan stopped the sphere for the Presbyterians. Brooks, the former Tiger, performed on the slab for the teachers, and would have held Alma scoreless but for the nine runs which they garnered off from him when he was not looking. He not only pitched wonderful ball, but helped hold up the Mt. Pleasant count by pounding out a circuit with the bases well tenanted.

Kirker slugged what appeared to be a quadrangular trip, but was held at first when his snowshoe caught on the sack. Dancer, sliding from first to second, failed to hit the sack, and slid on into left field, and was only stopped when he hit the Bull Durham sign which adorned the back fence.

Jerry Marks, pinch hitting for Scott in the fifth, knocked out a triplicate but was out on first, when he stopped to make a date for the evening with a charming bleacherite. Waggoner made a famous catch in the seventh, mistaking a snowball for the horsehide, and running over a hundred yards to get under the icy missile before he discovered his mistake. Another feature of the game was the batting of Williams who, unable to solve Brooks' masterful delivery, made it four safe firsts by running on the last strike. H. Will-

iams outdid his big brother by hitting a single, a double, a triple and three fouls.

Alma's track men were given much practice in the outfield chasing the flies hit up by the Mt. Pleasant club wielders.

The game was slow, being delayed several times while the snow was cleared off the field. In the fifth the ground became so well covered that the players were forced to don skis and snowshoes, and then the game proceeded.

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side, and Wyatt excelled in his rebuttal. Hudson showed himself to be a good all-around man, and will undoubtedly develop into one of Alma's strongest debaters.

The second of the triangle debates will be held at Olivet, where Alma's negative meets the Olivet affirmative.

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Frosh—How's that?

Soph—They're married.

"Jimmy" Mitchell—What can you say of the Medes and Persians?

Dancer—I never keep track of the minor league teams.

"I reckon, daughter, that young man's watch must have been fast."

"What makes you think so, pa?"

"Why, when you were seeing him out of the door last night I heard him say 'just one' and it wasn't much past twelve."

Which Reminds Us of This One

"If I should steal a kiss would it be petty larceny?"

"No, it would be grand!"

Oh, what is so rare as a day in June,
I'll answer the famed exclamation,
It's finding a Democrat holding a job
In a Republican administration.

Trudeau—I dreamt I died last night.

Al—What woke you up?

Trudeau—The heat.

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When second's the place where we fit,

We'd rather deserve the second we've won

Than to hold up the victory mitt.

We'd rather rate C's for the work we have done

Than cherish an "A" from a bluff,
We'd rather fight Hope as the Alternates men,

By helping to furnish the stuff.

We're not ashamed of the place we fill,

Our work is more than to dream
We'll do our best with our second best will,

As best "second best" men on the team.—R. L.

When there's bats in your belfry that flut,

When your comprenez-vous rope is cut,

When there's nobody home

In the top of your dome

When your head's not a head—it's a nut.

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CAMPUS BREEZES
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The election of Marshal French seems to have had a most pleasing effect on the yearlings.

Remember about that half dollar for athletics. The baseball team needs it worse than you do.

Announcement has been made of the formation of a chapter of the famous national fraternity, Tappa Keg, at Alma. The creation of this new body has been hedged with secrecy, but is hoped that a complete announcement may soon be made. Tappa Keg, it will be remembered, hold close affiliation with Eta Beta Pi.

Fair co-ed—I dreamed I went to a sale of husbands.

Fond Youth—Oh, tell me about them.

Fair Co-ed—They were wonderful; tall ones, handsome ones, clever ones, all kinds.

Fona Youth—Anxiously—And did you see any that resembled me, dear?

Fair Co-ed—Oh, yes indeed. They were tied up in bunches on the bargain counter.

Somehow or other the baseball team an dsnow don't seem to agree. Maybe the cold is bad for Hawk's pitching arm.

Have You Heard This One?

Visitor (to Dick Waggoner)—You are Mr. Pullman, I believe.

Dick W.—Guess again, that isn't it.

Visitor—But it must be, I saw it on your towel.

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Professor Hamilton (in poetry class)—Did you like the "Passing of Arthur?"

Martin—Yes, but he punted a lot better.

Friday, 7:30 p. m.
Gladys—Oh, Kenneth, you're so tender tonight.

Kenneth—I ought to be, I've been in hot water all week in my classes.

My gail's there,
I'll say she's there
But after last night
I don't care.

For she done me dirt,
Yes, she done me dirt,
She pressed her lips
Against my shirt.
—Voo Doo

Deep gloom and difficulty was spread over Doggie's face; the experiment in Physics called for mineral wool. He scratched his head and muttered "Now what the dickens is mineral wool?" Then the idea dawned, and he set out to shear the hydraulic ram.

Prof. Randels—What is a cosmopolitan.

Student (we don't dare tell his name)—Suppose there was a Russian Jew living in England with an Italian wife, smoking Egyptian cigarettes near a French window in a room with a Turkish rug on the floor. If the man ate American ice cream while listening to a German band play "Come Back to Erin" after a supper made up of Welsh rarebit you might be quite safe in calling him a cosmopolitan.

How about the Ladies' Agreement, Hudson?

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(Continued from first page) periodical clippings and pamphlets. In Dr. Bishop one recognizes the very unusual combination of scholar and keen, wide-awake business man; and to have heard him on this subject was indeed a great treat.

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