## THE



Oration on "Student Thought" Takes First Place. Barlow

Wins Second Place.
Tritten, won frst Thought' 'given by Robert Tritten, won frirst prize in the Men's
Contest on Thursday evening. 'Bob' is entiriely at home on the platform
and spoke very intimately and spoke every intimately. His ora-
tion stressed the need of student thought and then showed how impor-
tant the recent Princeton and Evanson conferences were, for they prov
d that the delegates ed that the delegates were consider-
ing important problems. He cr.ticiz-
ed our own students as being very ed our own students as being very
docile and prone to absorb every
thing truth. Mechanical knowledge is use less save when supported by con-
structive thought. A very good example of the usual reception given to peakers was included: "A speaker his idea of a little known problem.
The thought, seeking new fields of endeavor, welcomed the opportunity
to dance lightly about the chapel.
Several students were seted positions that the thought floate
over their heads and they escaped in-
noculation. But those who had no spent the previous night in diligent
study were in immediate danger of infection from this germ. It alighted
upon several hard surfaces, but did not have the strength to penetrate tion from this attempt, it found its way to the auricle appendage of an-
other listener but much to its cha-
grin it rapidly traversed the distance the opposite appendage as there was nothing to hinder its passage
It was again free to prey upon th emainder of the audience and finally lodged itself in the grey matter of
three students. First, the athlete became infected but strenuous exer
cise that afternoon soon expelled the then lodged itself in the mind of the tudent of little prestige who though ear of ridicule, did not dare to crit
cize aloud its reaction. The though oncluded its weary journey by restng in the mind of the social worker pages of a Coilege Humor magazine." He concluded with a further Homer Barlow with in thought. "The American of Tomorrow" re upon the assertion that our fines heritage was the Constitution and in cluded the plea for Americans to han an abstraction. The Church Home and School were given men ion as factors to aid
tion of better citizenship.
The most interesting speech of the evening was made by C. W. Wong,
and was entitled "My Impressions of America." Mr. Wong has been in his country a little over two year and briefly told of his trip from San Francisco to the East, of his visits $t$ New York, Chicago, Boston
Washington. He considered the dental world from two viewpoint he Practical and Intellectual. Amer ca is decidedly European in many re spects but the American is more it that while America is interested scientific attainments, the Orienta interests himself in
Charles Nims spoke upon the subed that much of the disloyalty of the oreign born is the result of law breaking examples set by the native American. Argyle Campbell deal
with "The Problem of Crime" novel manner, though a vic statistical at times, and advocated the folowing solutions: A National Bureau less delay and more action on the

The first debate of the season a home will be held in the chapel,
Thursday evening at $7: 30$. The Alma affirmative team will meet the
$\qquad$
Albion college is very much pleasstudent, playing the role of "Kathie" Prince" companies.

## Choser of All Time  us and calls our attention to some errors made when we published his

Team Replies STATE NORMMAL


Negative Wins and Affirmativ Loses in Contests With
Ypsilanti. Ypsilanti.

The Alma college debating teams
hared victory and defeat with debaters of Ypsilanti Normal in
their contests at Owosso and Durand riday afternoon. The two contest. debated before a home audience. The
Alma affirmative team met Ypsi': Alma affirmative team met Ypsi's
negative team in the Owosso high school while the Alma negative team
engaged in a similar contest in the Durand nigh school. The judges
were men from the University of Michigan, a single critic judge giv
ng the decision in each case. The affirmative team on the ques or Russian recognition was com--
posed of Ross Mitchell, Carroll Clark,
and Cecil MacDonald n exceptionally strong case, con-
incing deliveries and a very favor able audience they found the adverse decision much in the nature of a
urprise. The negative team com-
osed of Homer Barlow, Herbert Nisbet, and Ronald Harris, captan,
won the decision over the Ypsianti
affirmative team composed of G. H. affirmative team composed of G. H.
Harrell, Willard Morris, captain Herbert Hertzler. The judge gave
is decision in favor of the Alma
team on the grounds of "more effecdebating, a better developed case, and more logical thinking.'
he judge of the Owosso debate gave The contests marked decision. pearance of four new Alma debater
Nisbet and Clark were engaging i heir first debate while Mitchell and Barlow were making their debut for
the college after considerable. high school experience. The new men
handled themselves like veterans.
With the cases developed under the With the cases developed under the
coaching of Mr. Sharrar, debating iospects are the
Thursday night the negative team
will travel to Mt. Pleasant to meet he Central Normal debaters. The affirmative team will meet Olivet in
the college chapel Thursday evening Mr . Sharrar is arranging for a deate between the Alma affirmativ Saginaw Arthur Hill in the near fu-
ure. He also hopes to arrange for similar contest between the Alma negative. team and Kalamaoo college
Grand Rapids. Popular decisions
 o further entrench himself at one of the down-town banks. Jack grad-
uated last year and is now studying has found out what work is.



The Y. W. C. A. meeting las
Thursday evereng was led by Louise
Watrous. Instead of an ordinar as many seels that "He must take never acknowledge that he studies conforms rigidly to the accepted code of manner and dress of his own
sacredly guarded social group." In possesses are speedily dispelled and
NEW IMSTMUCTOR
AT THE COLLEEE
 all he must never think, and 'Above never let the rest of college the practicalist of it.' After
Success and is for when he can say, like that prosperjust made a payment on my house piano and the radio, the vacuum cleaner, the washing and sewing masuit, the fireless cooker, Johnny's biand the canary bird's cage and suite this mortgaged Success he lochieving
with disapproval cal visionary who would sacrifice
wealth or position for an ideal.' But dreams are a necessity and to them happiness.' It can not be satisfied the jazz king and 'For its ideals of finally to the dreamer whom it has scorned.' Miss Oldt then sketched
the life of Dvorak, who rebelled against his father's wishes and be-
came a musician instead of a country ascertion: 'To the substantiates the end, mankind owes its lasting tri-
umphs' for he 'alone accomplishes the impossible,' and the examples of were cited. 'The Great Dreamers Dante, Milton and their kindred have lived on in the hearts of humanity have been utterly forgotten. And Second place was given to Miss
Elma Bishop who in "The Anemic Demarogue," oration, the American Public as being very
gullible. Well phrased advertisements plus the endorsements of pub-
lic characters immediately sells a mediocre product in this land of opis easily persuaded and led by newspaper headlines. His mental life is
bounded by Cheap Magatines, ies, Vaudeville, and daily Graphics. and Reason is usually washed away by Emotion. Miss Bishop then pointed out that the individual was at
fault and that the fate of a demo form of government really depended upon him. Personal study,
Student conferences and Community discussion were the remedies offered.
The other contestants Slate whose oration 'America's Need' voced a plea for better Child Labor
laws; Miss Arda Behler who offered tic future for the wayward and much criticized Student of today and much Mary Hungerland who in ' 'ne Chalefits of the Honor Sytlined the benDean Mitchell acted as Chairman and the Judges of the evening wゅre MacCurdy, Prof. Clack and Mr, Prul Cash of Alma.

TIIE ALMANIAN

LitTLLE Vs. VAUGHAN of the University of Michigan have been the subject of recent remarks by two prominent educators. Dr.
Victor C. Vaughan, for many years dean of the University's medical school and now a director in the Na-
tional Academy of Sciences, is th author of the following remarks "We have heard much in the past
few years of the growth of Michigan in brick and mortar, but now let hope to hear something of this
growth in intellectual accomplish. ment." He declared it was "alarmturning out so few thoroughly ar cated men," adding that not more than five percent of the average class
in medicine makes a worth-while in medicine makes a worth-while
contribution to knowledge, within ten contribution to knowledge, within ten
years of graduation. years of graduation.
According to Dr .
Little, president of the university the trouble lies with the educational system which puts a premium on mediocrity and discourages original
ity. Dr. Little said that Michigan
ready to assert an educational ership which, "it is apparent to the newcomer she does not possess at the
present time." The university has not, however, made "brick and morand she already possesses "an in
tense individualism that will make it possible for her to assume the role of "ducational leadership to which her
age and traditions entitle her." While Dr. Little and Dr. Vaughat
may disagree somewhat on the goa aspired to by the University of point, that educational leadership is
not found there at the present time Both gentlemen are fully aware of
the faults of the American higher educational system. They agree t the most dominant of current criti-
cisms which is that the present sys. tem discourages individuality, origin-
ality, and imagination among stuDr. Little's remarks, which were
made before the Uniersity made before the University of Mich-
igan club of Washington at its banthing of a more constructive natur He declared that it is wrong to spend public money on the "so-called education of college students whose pos-
vession of thirst for higher learning evidenced solely by successfu He delared the preparation boys and girls for citizenship but one function of a state univer-
sity, the other being to "kindle the spark of originality and imagination" in those students who were really responsive to higher education. He favored separation of the two classes university and again
the sophomore or junior year, so to permit of special treatment of those showing an aptitude for original work.
While Dr.
While Dr. Little had a large university in mind his remarks were lege. It is an encouraging sign to see educating authorities turning their attention to the task of developing individualism and originality and out the typical product.

LIBRARY NOTES
Three new books for ready ref erence have just been added to the
Library; Woolley's Handbook of good English, 1925 edition; Putnam's Minute-a-day English for busy people, 1925 edition and Putnam's Handy lawbook
tion.

## tion.

Apropos of the Second semester of
college, read what President Hutchins of Berea College, Ky., says in the Pinnacle of January 27
St. Valentine's Day is almost at
hand. There is an interesting article on "An exhibition of old valentines at the Art Institute," Chicago, in the periodical "Fashions of the hour," published by Marshall Field of Chicago, for January, 1926. This
article tells of the origin of valentines, and gives facsimile reproductions of a few early ones. Also in Chambers Book of days, under February 14th, may be found an historical sk
toms.
there are six students registered for the new section in Library Methods.
Miss Ward's report of the Chicago
the Middle West is summarized in the Middle West is summarized in
the February 1st issue of Library the February 1st issue of Library
Journal and in the February number of Libraries.
Those who are interested in Eng-
lish style may be glad to note the lish style may be
following articles
following articles:
On page 1 of the Chicago News of January 29th, the very fine dispatch article on the rescue of the Antinoe
by the American liner Theodore Roosevelt, wmeritan liner Theodore
Washburn Baldwin. asshburn baldwin.
The preacher and the dictionary
in the Yale divinity news of Janu ary; also in the same paper The Tyn-
dale celebration, which Tyndale's charm of style and point. martyr translator
A large number of periodicals have
just been $r$ eceived back from the just been $r$ eceived back from the
bindery, and are now ready for use.

## AROUND THE CAMPUS

Examination week was a strenu-
ous period on the ous period on the campus. As csual the exams were the hardest ever giv-
en. The two hundred and fifty question exams were taken, stormed
about and a slight diminution in the
registren registration in certain classes re-
sulted sulted.
But after the tests were over a more delightful period set in. The
greater portion of the students went home. But a goodly number remaintheory that college would be fine without the annoying interference of Classes.
Wright Hall was wide open. Fif-
teen hour dates were not uncomnon. teen hour dates were not uncomnon.
The doors didn't close until eleven $\sigma$ 'clock or sometimes twenty minutes
after. A phonograph was brought after. A phonograph was brought
from up-stairs (Bob and Charlie went right up there and yot it) so
that "Pat" and Helen and June could dance without being called on to sit
down to the piano. By a narrow down to the piano. By a narrow
margin the Dean of Women escaped
 wilting of spirits when the marks
were given out saturday afternoon
 at this time
hat fuly
hall will remember determined to move to more appre The men's oratorical contes last
Thursday caused more comment than such a contest has done in some were distinctive. The winning orat on the nation's greatest danger and the
solution for the menace. it war

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ial reference to our own institution Another oration which caused
much attention was a foreign dent's impressions of America. It was disconcerting to hear this speaker refer to politics, religion, philosophy, and history with a freedom and
understanding which no other un. graduate on the campus possesses.
After hearing Mr. Wong deliver his oration another matter impressed
us. He was able to bow gracefully.
We hat We have yet to see an American in plish such a feat with grace and not succumb to blushes after he has The Alma negative debating team Won from Ypsianti in a debate at Durand last Friday. The decision
was given by a one-man critic was given by a one-man critic judge.
After the debate Homer and Steve
telegraphed telegraphed their respective parent: saying: "We won unanimously."
Well, boys, so you did, so you did. The affirmative team lost to $Y_{p s i}$. lanti at Owosso the same afternoon,
this contest also being judged by a
one-man critic judge. As "Red" Clark puts it, "The affirmative team lost by one vote while the negative
won unanimously.
ALPHA THETA

On Monday evening, January 18 , Alpha Theta had a special table in
the dining room in honor of Miss Esther Friedrick, an alumnus of Alpha Theta who leaves at the end
of this semester for New York. The rose and gray. The president, Doro to Miss Friedrick the society's pleas-
ure at
gret ure at having her here, and its re-
grets at her departure. The wishes of Alpha Theta accompany her. Miss Florence Steward and
Mrs. R. Burt of Denver. Colorado Mrs. R. Burt of Denver, Colorado,
also an alumnus of Alpha Theta, were present.
A short bu
Arthur Thomas Red Carty was Arthur Thomas Red Carty was on
the campus again last week end. The sorrel-top is establishing quite a rep-
utation for himself in Detroit basket ball circles. Irene Anguish also
visited her friends with ENTERTAIN WITH A DINNER THE WRIGHT HOUSE facilities for special dinners and banquets

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