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FORENSIC PLANS MADE FOR YEAR

MUCH MATERIAL FOR ORATORY INTER-SOCIETY DEBATES PROMISED.

With the announcement that the 10th and 11th of January has been definitely set as the dates for the Women's and Men's Oratorical Contests in the college comes a quickened interest in the forensic field. The fact that Alma will this year have the State Contest lends an added interest to the work. Prospects at the present time are very good. Professor Hamilton, meeting with the societies at their last regular sessions was given assurance of strong support in the oratorical field from the women of the college. There are a good number who have had experience in previous contests who are being counted upon to strengthen the number of the contestants. The narrowing down in the societies to the final two representatives to the college contest should bring out some excellent material.

At least ten men are at the present time engaged in working up orations for the contest, two of them former college orators, and a number of others who are veterans of previous contests. Coach Hamilton expects to confer with the men's societies at an early date, and should find a good foundation for the work.

The setting of the dates in the second week of January gives to the prospective orators the time of the Christmas recess as well as a week thereafter to spend in perfecting their orations.

Much interest is being evidenced in the work of the two newly formed societies, since this contest will be their first appearance in the field of public speaking. The announcement that the customary prize of twenty-five dollars will be offered to the winners in the men's and women's contest should also prove a stimulator to the work.

The M. O. L. is already preparing for the March contest, and it prom- (Continued on page two)

Charles Zueblin

Friday evening, December 16, will see the beginning and end of the second number of the lecture course. The man who will come at that time to speak to the people of Alma is a gentleman of high repute. He is Charles Zueblin, American publicist, lecturer, and writer. Zueblin is a man with a record behind him. Here is what "Who's Who in America" has to say about him:

Zueblin, Charles, publicist; born, Pendleton, Ind., 1866; Ph. B., Northwestern U., 1887; U. of Leipzig 1889-91; Prof. of Sociology, U. of Chicago, 1892-1908; editor, lecturer, contrib. to Am. Jour. Sociology, Dial, Independent, Jour. of Political Economy, etc.; member Nat. Municipal League, member Chicago Park Commission, 1901-02; Pres. Am. League for Civic Improvement, 1901-02; Author: "American Municipal Progress," 1902, "A Decade of Civic Improvements," 1905, "The Religion of a Democrat," 1908, "Democracy of the Overman," 1910, and many others.

The Galveston (Texas) Tribune says in part:

"Those who have heard Mr. Zueblin lecture know that it is impossible for the mind to wander while he is on the platform. He delivers his message with electric energy, and his words come with precision and almost the rapidity of gatling gun bullets. His ideas possess the quality that is called 'suggestive', for they set little trains of thought which the listener has already half formulated, into active movement."

Mr. Zueblin will deliver his lecture on American life. Season tickets for the balance of the season are on sale at the First State Bank, while single admission tickets will be on sale at the High School the night of the lecture. Also J. Thomas Dasef has some season tickets for sale for the benefit of the college men.

Annual Philo Fair Breaks Old Record

A state of suppressed excitement was noticeable in the atmosphere Saturday morning. Strange unaccustomed noises were heard in the region of the reception room. Those people who were of an investigative turn of mind, satisfied their curiosity by an inquiring glimpse into the scene of the fray. There, busily at work, were men and women, the women giving orders, the men cheerfully executing them. The colors black and gold are seen and the realization that it is the Philo Fair, dawns. This explains the many "Busy" signs, the closed doors, the unaccustomed industry of the Philo girls of Wright hall.

At two o'clock precisely, the gong rang, resulting in a general tumult in the upper regions. Shortly after, an avalanche of girls armed with purses, descended to the Fair. The first booth, which greeted the vision, was that of baked goods. Here, in battle formation, were arrays of crisp brown cookies, pies just crying out to be bought, and biscuits which were exact replicas of "the kind mother used to make."

But the Japanese booth also called loudly for attention. Its various and multi-colored wondrous beggar adequate description. Gorgeous kimonos, the object of wistful feminine glances were hung upon the walls. Laid in artistic profusion, were Japanese prints on several tables. Incense burners sought imploringly, with distended arms, to be wrapped up and taken away. Miniature purses and microscopic kewpies induced the passersby to spend time and money.

The fancy work booth also received its share of attention. Many things there appealed to feminine hearts, but in particular the chic aprons were the biggest attractions. More than one young lady became the possessor of some cretonne, trimmed concoction.

The candy booth was at all times the center of frenzied mob. Here, in mass formation, were gallant young swains, making a valiant attempt to find favor in the eyes of some dainty damsel of Wright Hall. Purses were quickly emptied, but what cared the young men, as long as the "sweet tooth" of the fair damsel was satisfied. Many admiring eyes were cast towards the Christmas card booth, in which novelties, in the form of cards, book-marks, books and calendars, were arranged in fascinating groups of resplendent colors.

Pangs of hunger were quickly given relief at the refreshment booth. Keen appetites were amply appeased with hot chocolate, cocoa, pie, cake, cookies and sandwiches.

But all good things must end. Nine o'clock soon came and departures were made amid many heartrending sighs, and a medley of stifed, contended yawns, once more, the Philo Fair had been brought to a successful close, but to a more triumphant finish than ever before, for all previous records of other years, had been outdistanced and outclassed.

ADOPT RESOLUTIONS

Twenty-five men from Alma attended the First Annual Christian Callings Conference at Ann Arbor December 2nd and 3rd. Along with others in attendance there they felt that they should express some of the benefits they received there. Consequently, they present the following resolutions:

1. That our thanks be extended to Dr. Barkley and the friends of the college by whose help our delegation was made possible.
2. That we most heartily endorse and recommend the formation of a Christian Leadership Association, to be composed of all those on the Alma College Campus, who are interested in Christian work in any form.
3. That reports on the conference be given on the campus.
4. That Alma College be represented at the second annual conference to be held next year.
5. That we pledge ourselves to increased loyalty and service to the Christian work on our own campus—to the Y. M. C. A., to the Student Volunteers, to the County Sunday School Association, and to all other forms of Christian Activities.

Pay Up That "Y" Pledge.

NEW SOCIETY IS READY FOR WORK

ORGANIZATION OF BETA TAU EPSILON HAS NOW BEEN COMPLETED.

The new men's society, Beta Tau Epsilon, has been organized at last, and is now ready to settle down to active work.

The society comes as an answer to the long felt need on the campus for a third men's society, as the existing organizations cannot accommodate the rapidly increasing number of men that Alma is receiving each year. The movement for the new organization received its inception in the Student Council, and the committee of the Council working with Professor Hamilton effected a temporary organization, and took the necessary steps to insure co-operation of Zeta Sigma and Phi Phi Alpha. Mr. Baker was elected president of the temporary organization. The Student Council committee then gave way to two regents from each society—Foster and Hudson from Zeta Sigma, and Wilson and Manwaring from Phi Phi Alpha. Under their active direction, the organization rapidly rounded into form.

On December 7 President Baker called a meeting consisting of the committee that he had appointed to select a name, frame a declaration of purpose and draft a constitution, and of the other invited members. For some reason few responded. Nevertheless the parts of the constitution then ready to be submitted were accepted with a few minor changes. It was decided to adopt the name, Beta Tau Epsilon, the initials of three Greek words signifying "Planners and Doers."

A second meeting was called December 8. The remainder of the constitution was submitted and accepted. The charter members were warned to prepare themselves for the ordeal of initiation by the regents on the following night. At the appointed time the charter members made their appearance. After travelling over the rough and tortuous journey mapped out by the regents, and after showing themselves able to undergo the ordeal with the equanimity of philosophers and the stoicism of wooden Indians, they were administered the oath by Professor Hamilton, and declared full fledged members of Beta Tau Epsilon.

Last Monday night, the first regular meeting of the society was held. At that time new members were initiated by those who through the pangs they had already suffered, know well how to inflict such sufferings on others. The expressed purposes of the society are three-fold, namely:

1. To create a more friendly feeling among Alma College students.
2. To foster a love for the (Continued on page two)

Sophomore Dance

The great social event of the year for all college students will take place immediately before the Christmas vacation. The Sophomore Class will give an all-college dancing party, Saturday evening, Dec. 17, 1921. The dance is to be a Holiday party in every respect. Emblematic of the spirit of Christmas giving, the Sophomores are offering an entertainment par excellence for the small sum of one dollar. Time, finance, peace of mind, and physical energy are being sacrificed, utterly cast aside and forgotten in the extensive preparations for this party. It will be a semi-formal affair, beginning at eight and continuing until eleven-thirty. Wright Hall girls, and others, may rejoice in the fact that attendance at the dance will not cost a social cut. No one can afford to miss this social function which will be representative of Alma's greater social endeavors, or the spirit of good-fellowship which will surely accompany the group to the Gymnasium that Saturday night. Remember the date, Dec. 17.

Endowment Campaign Is Getting Results

Announcements of considerable importance regarding the endowment campaign of Alma College were made Monday by President H. M. Crooks, which indicate that considerable success is being met with in the final days of the campaign.

The campaign in the northern peninsula of Michigan, which has been in charge of Mr. Abernathy and A. B. Sheldon has been completed, and has been a big success. Dr. Crooks and others have also been working in the north, in this territory, which is remote from Alma. A quota of about \$17,000 had been set for this portion of the state, and the announcement is to the effect that the quota has been surpassed in this part of the state, the first large district to achieve its goal. Not only did the campaigners secure pledges for more than \$17,000, but President Crooks also received a check for \$5,000 additional from the Honorable Chase S. Osborn, former governor of Michigan, who resides at Sault Ste. Marie.

In the spring announcement was made of an anonymous pledge of \$50,000 to the college as soon as certain conditions were met with. The first of the week President Crooks stated that the prohibitions surrounding the pledge had been removed, and announced that it had been made by the Carnegie Corporation. The pledge was made to Alma under certain conditions at the time that Dr. Angell, a former Michigan man, and now president of Yale, was at the head of the corporation.

The fact that Alma has been able to secure pledges of such amounts from the Carnegie Corporation and the General Education Board founded by John D. Rockefeller, in the space of a single year, is taken to mean that the college enjoys a high standing and that it has excellent prospects for the future. It is understood that only two Michigan colleges have in the past secured aid from either of these sources.

President Crooks has also announced a gift of \$1,000 from the S. P. Hareson Estate of Pittsburgh, which indicates that the friends of Alma College are located not only in Michigan, but in the surrounding states.

President Crooks also announced that Dr. David F. Charles, former president of Soo Falls College, and now financial secretary of Coe College, Iowa, has been secured temporarily to aid in counsel and in work in the completion of the endowment campaign. He comes to the college temporarily through an arrangement made with Dr. Gage.

ALPHA THETA

A regular meeting of the Alpha Theta Literary Society was called to order Monday evening, December 6, by the president, Mildred Cash.

Roll call was answered to by some incident concerning the life or works of Zona Gale. The minutes of the previous meeting were then read by the secretary, after which the members of Alpha Theta were entertained by the presentation in costume of the one-act play "Neighbors," by Zona Gale. The part of Grandma, complaining and generous, was taken by Gladys Fryxell, and that of Mis' Diantha Abel, the neighborly neighbor, was taken with remarkable reality by Agnes Youngs. Lucy Fellows as Ezra Williams, Emma Ritter as Peter, and Marguerite Field as Inez, all called forth laughter from the audience, the latter two giving them an example of what grandma called "no real courtin'". Mis' Elmira Maran (Irene Anguish), Mis' Trot (Helen Brien) and Mis' Carry Ellsworth (Marjorie McLearn), as neighbors, presented true characterizations of the average small town inhabitant of just before middle age.

A motion was made and supported to accept the invitation extended by Kappa Iota to a tea to be given in the reception room on December 6. Carried.

Plans were then discussed for the party on December 19, at which Alpha Theta will entertain Zeta Sigma. Adjournment.

Don't slack up in your studies now. Make this last week count.

ALMA WINS HER PRACTICE GAME

CAMPBELL'S PROMISING FIVE DEFEATS MT. PLEASANT INDEPENDENTS.

Using twelve men against the Mt. Pleasant Independents Friday night Alma was able to romp over the collection of stars that "Bullet" Fitch brought to Alma to the tune of 40 to 17, the Isabella county five never having a look-in, the margin between the teams gradually widening from the time that the Maroon and Cream secured its first point on a foul tossed through the netted circle by Kirker.

Campbell started what is believed to be the tentative first team, and it went after the Independents in startling fashion. The passing of the five for so early in the season was little short of wonderful, and usually ended with either Kirker or Carty taking a pot-shot at the basket, and both had their batting eyes as they located the spot on numerous occasions as the score indicated.

At the end of the half Alma was leading the Independents by a score of 22 to 10, and soon after the second half had been inaugurated the count had been run up to 30 points for the Maroon and Cream, at which time Coach Campbell started rushing other men into the fray with considerable rapidity until an even dozen Almates had a chance to show their wares under fire.

When the fray started Carty and Kirker were holding down the forwards. Shaver was at center and

Soderstrom and Crittenden were at the guards. When the changes started Beam went into the game for Crittenden. Wright then went to guard for Soderstrom. Catherman replaced Kirker at forward, and later when Kirker returned to the fray "Rus" replaced Beam. Sartor went to center for Shaver. Zuelk soon went to guard for Wright and Wright took the center job.

In spite of the numerous changes the scoring kept on until 40 points had been rolled up and the whistle stopped the scoring festival. The visitors used eight men in their efforts to halt the Alma clan in its (Continued on page two)

Friendship Fund

The Student Friendship Fund drive in Alma College ended Thursday night, a fund of two hundred and fifty dollars having been contributed by the students for the relief of foreign students who are facing innumerable hardships in their struggle to gain an education. Alma did not subscribe her quota but taking conditions into consideration, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars was exceedingly satisfactory, for a small college to contribute.

The campaign opened Tuesday morning at the Chapel hour; Louise Osgood and Roger Zinn explaining the hardships that foreign students are enduring as they try to get an education, and the necessity of help coming from American students in order to safeguard the spirit of friendship among the nations of the world. Wednesday, at Chapel hour, President Crooks elaborated upon the speeches of the preceding morning, explaining a few of the points brought out the morning before. Thursday morning, during the Chapel hour, the Y. W. C. A. assisted by Sidney Foster and little Betty Hamilton, gave a play, "Lighting Christmas Candles," which showed the insignificance of the numerous frivolities given at Christmas time in comparison to the genuine satisfaction afforded by American generosity, if it is used in the right way.

The drive not only aided the foreign students, but also reminded the students of Alma and of all America, of the comparative luxury with which most of us are going through college.

What has become of the Flapidity of the Golashers?

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THEATER RUSHING

There is nothing essentially unusual, or viciously criminal, in rushing a theater. Such things are done frequently in other college towns and cities, and are considered merely as matters in the ordinary course of college events. The rushing of the Strand theater last Thursday night and the consequent ejection by the irate manager brought out two facts, seemingly incompatible, that the Alma College men conducted themselves as gentlemen, and that the action of the manager was justified.

The men were well disciplined. They entered the building in an orderly manner, and took their seats without any overt demonstrations. There was no loud talking, and no pushing nor crowding. They could not have marched in with better order if they had rehearsed the project for a week. Even when Mr. Miller came in and ordered them out, they neither uttered a sound or stirred a muscle. Despite the burning insult of being ordered out (for were they not the manager's guests?) they maintained perfect decorum. The manager then made the hasty and erroneous conclusion that the men did not wish to go out. The truth of the matter is that the men wanted to go out, but they wanted to see the show first. They were gentlemen enough not to care to disturb any one by making their exit during the performance. But when the police arrived with gats and riot sticks, the men decided that it was time to move, and they went out quietly and in good order. Some college groups would have made that theater look like Iowa in a cyclone, and others might have handled the manager and the cops rather roughly. It is to the credit of the Alma College men that they did neither, but conducted themselves from the start to the finish as gentlemen.

It would not be fair to drop discussion here without trying to justify Mr. Miller's action. No one should make the hasty conclusion that the manager had no good reasons for his attitude. In reality he had several very good reasons. In the first place the theater was quite empty, being about as well attended as a Christian Science lecture would be in a medical college. Mr. Miller undoubtedly realized that after viewing such an imposing addition to his audience that he might get heart failure when he counted up the receipts for the evening. In the second place it must be admitted that it is a hardship on Mr. Miller to manage the only theater in Alma. Every time the men wish to get in free of charge they rush Mr. Miller's theater. And in the third place, it being vaudeville night, the entertainment was probably of such high class and of such a refined character that the college men could not appreciate it. Surely the manager cannot be blamed for refusing to have the college men as his guests when he presents such a superior bill of entertainment that the men probably could not understand and enjoy it.

ZETA SIGMA

The regular meeting of the Zeta Sigma Literary Society was held December 5th, with President Crittenden presiding. The following literary program was enjoyed:

A paper on "Modern Sculpture" by B. Rathsburg; an original short story entitled "Fair Play" by B. Vaughan; a paper on "The Impending Menace of Socialism," read by Edwin Starr; a speech on "Modern Music" by W. A. Beam, and an impromptu debate on the subject, "Resolved, that college men keep company with Wright Hall girls only." The affirmative was upheld by Wyatt, Handley and Marks; the negative by S. Foster, Van Page and Anderson. The result was a tie, so convincing was the argument put forth by the enthusiastic partisans.

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Zueblin Friday Night.

EXPRESSION

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Its share of care-free, joy-producing sound.

But when that life is filled to brimful measure
With grateful thoughts for blessings undeserved,
For love, and friends, and high, ennobling pleasure—
Its feelings then are much too strong for words.
That life can then but live with high endeavor
The thanks it feels for the Almighty Giver.

—Emma Ritter '24.

WITH APOLOGIES TO ABE

Three score and eleven days ago our college brought forth upon this campus a new class imbued with cockyness and dedicated to the proposition that all Frosh are created in Heaven. Now the members of that class or any other class so imbued and so dedicated cannot long remain that way. The members are now about to celebrate the end of their first period of freshness. Each is thinking of dedicating a portion of his intellect to the Frosh who gave their wooden heads that the class might live. It is altogether unfitting and improper that they do this. For in a larger way they cannot see, they cannot know, they cannot realize how the Frosh, crippled or whole, who gave themselves, have placed the reputation of the class far above their power to add or detract. The Sophs will little note nor long remember what they think, but they can never forget how they act. It is for them, the Freshmen class, to carry on the unfinished work which they who gave themselves have thus far so nobly advanced. It is for the Frosh to carry on the great task remaining before them, that from these honored cripples they take increased respect to that cause for which they gave their last full measure of blood; that the class mightily resolve that those crippled shall not have been crippled in vain, that the class under Taite shall have a new birth of freedom, and that the class of the Frosh, by the Frosh, for the Frosh, shall not perish from the campus.

KAPPA IOTA

At the meeting of the Kappa Iota Literary Society, Monday night, roll call was answered to by a quotation from one of Robert Service's poems. Papers to be given by Beatrice Shaunding and Mary Gerow were postponed until the next meeting, as there was a large amount of business to be transacted.

At the meeting next week the American short-poem will be considered. The society has chosen a play, a two act farce, "A Case for Sherlock Holmes," to be given soon after Christmas. The cast has been chosen and rehearsals will begin December 13th.

Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 6, Kappa Iota entertained its friends at tea in the Wright Hall reception room. Though this was a big undertaking for a society so young, it proved a great success.

SCIENCE CLUB

Two years ago Alma College had an organized Science Club which was a successful one. With the disbanding of the S. A. T. C., however, this club was discontinued. But now a new science club has been formed. On Saturday evening a meeting was held in the chemistry lecture room for all those interested in any of the sciences. At this time it was decided to form a general science club, rather than several special clubs for the various branches of science. Mr. Marks was elected temporary chairman for the meeting, and a committee of three was appointed to formulate a temporary constitution. The following officers were elected:
President—Lawrence Marks.
Vice-Pres.—Elmer Vonderheide.
Secretary—Grace Beshgetoor.
Almanian Reporter—Marguerite Field.

The president appointed as a committee to draw up a permanent constitution E. Vonderheide, R. Boyd and N. Messecar.

The Club was adjourned until further notice on account of a difficulty to find a date for the regular meeting.

Wright Hall boarders voted to give up two desserts a week, the saving therefrom to go to aid Alma's poor.

Eva Ardis, '20, spent the week end at Wright Hall and aided the Philo girls with the fair.

FORENSIC PLANS

MADE FOR YEAR

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ises to be one of exceptional quality. Hope and Albion have picked their representatives, as have some of the other League colleges, and Alma must put up the best she has to defeat them.

The increased opportunities and the bright prospects in the debating field are leading to a planned extension of this work. It is desired by the Oratorical and Debating Council that an inter-society triangle debate be held among the women, and the same among the men, both to stimulate interest in debate and to gather material and train debaters for the intercollegiate contests. A further definite plan contemplates the staging of a women's debate with some nearby Michigan college, probably Mt. Pleasant, on a question yet to be determined.

It seems certain that the Hope-Olivet-Alma triangle will again be held, with the open shop as the probable question. Olivet, with a good number of veterans, and Hope with its usual high class of material will furnish strong opposition to the five Alma letter men. Negotiations are now under way with Detroit Junior and Ypsilanti in regard to a further contest for the Alma team, probably on the same question of the open and closed shop. Alma has for some time felt the need for an extension of her debating activities and a bettered financial condition of the council renders almost certain additional contests this year.

Alma may look forward confidently to a very strong showing in the state, oratorical contest, and to the pleasing prospect of success in the work of debate. With the student body behind the orators and debaters, this year can be one of supreme forensic activity.

Y. M. C. A.

"The Christian Spirit on the Campus" made an interesting topic for the regular Wednesday evening Y. M. C. A. meeting led by Forrest Freeman.

The speaker dwelt on the three Christ-like qualities which would count for most in maintaining on the Alma College campus the fine atmosphere engendered by the week of prayer. Friendship, he said, was one of the foremost, citing the examples of Christ's friendship. Cheerfulness, too, counts for much. Here the speaker dwelt on the cheerful nature of Christ, not the man of sorrows, but the one who could call the little children to him. As a last point, the subject of service was dwelt on, with the opportunities to serve which the college life affords. A combination of these three, it would seem, if conscientiously made a part of all our lives, would mean much in the Christianity of Alma College.

NEW MANAGER

The Maroon and Cream announces that because of the fact that Mr. Ewald Swanson is discontinuing his work here at the end of the semester and will consequently be unable to complete his work as business manager of the college annual, Jack Eckles, formerly holding the position of snapshot editor will assume the business managership. Jack is a worthy successor to "Dib" and if perseverance and energy count for anything the new business manager will put the job across successfully.

Miss Ellen Lehman takes up the work of snap editor.

The annual is facing peculiarly adverse conditions this year, but the staff is reetermined to make it bigger and better than ever, and if the student body can be relied on, if they will get behind and push hard, the Maroon and Cream will go over this year.

ALMA WINS HER

PRACTICE GAME

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march and in the Independents' attempt to outscore Alma, but it could not be done.

The Mt. Pleasant men, after the fray, expressed surprise at the quality of the material that Alma has this year, and one of the men, a well known basket ball star and official, made the prediction that the Normals would not find it possible to take two games from Alma this year in spite of the fact that the entire Normal team, one of the speediest in the state last year, is back at Mt. Pleasant. That was cheering news, and speaks well for the possibilities that the Alma cagers have this coming season.

PHILOMATHEAN

The regular meeting of the Philomathean Literary Society was held on Monday evening, Dec. 5, in the society room. The meeting was called to order by the president, Louise Hainline. Roll call was answered to by a fact from the life of Washington or the life of Percy Machaye. Much time was spent in planning

for the Philomathean Fair, which is to be given Saturday afternoon and evening, December 10.

Christine Decker read a very interesting paper on "The Life of Percy Machaye." Agnes Ardis narrated the theme of the play, "Washington, the Man Who Made Us," by Machaye.

ALMA MEN ON ALL STAR TEAM

Four Alma men have been honored with places on the All Michigan Intercollegiate teams which have been so far picked. Coach Rennie of Hillsdale named McNaughton on his first team, and Waggoner and Taite on the second team. Coach Young, who directed the Kalamazoo College M. I. A. A. champs did not give Alma a place on his first team, but honored three men on his second aggregation. Taite, Shaver and Waggoner were the men that Young honored in his pick.

NEW SOCIETY IS READY FOR WORK

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aesthetic as well as the material side of life.

3. To set up a moral standard that will be a credit to the College. The members of the society intend to live up to the significance of its name by not only "planning" means of accomplishing their cherished aims, but also by going ahead and carrying those means into effect.

It is to be hoped that no one will cut the lyceum course Friday night and go to the Strand theater.

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Sophomore Dance Saturday.

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Pioneer Hall is gone. No more will the joyous, crazy shouts ring through its halls; no more will the passers-by be astounded at what they see or hear, or at what may come to them through the mouths of others. For Pioneer Hall lies in a gigantic pile of ruins. On the night of December 21, 1921, the eve before the departure of the student body, a silent, mysterious, death-quaking explosion destroyed the building to the last brick, carrying the inhabitants herein to their respective dwelling places in the hereafter. Nobody witnessed the tragedy, nobody heard it. Like a flash in the night it came and bore away the men to the dawn of a new morning.

Came there to the Gates of Heaven the vanished ones from Pioneer. Twenty-four strong they stood, yet there was not one among them who dared knock for admittance.

"Here, you knock," said Wilson to Ainsworth. "Your hand will surely not soil these pearly gates—you who lived so righteously on earth."

"I dare not," breathed Howard in awe.

Silence. Lo and behold, as they stood there, there came a great light that rested and settled on the head of Boyce. It was a message from the beyond. He was the one chosen to knock, for his name was "Angel." The puny Irish commander stepped up and knocked. "Who knocks without?" came the voice of St. Peter.

"It is I, Angel Boyce of Pioneer Hall, who knocks for himself and the men who were in bed, or otherwise, when the Hall blew up."

The gates swung open, and St. Peter strode forth in all his glory. "Hah," he remarked to himself, "a remarkable mixture of rascals and pious men."

"What do you want?" asked St. Peter of the nearest person, who happened to be Patton.

"Pray, kind sir," begged Patton; "I have come to enter Kingdom of Heaven. I have studied hard and know about God in every language. I have translated the New Testament from French to English."

"Patton — Patton — hum! I don't see any such name here," said Peter, scanning his big book.

"But it must be there!" cried Wilmer.

Again the saint scanned the book, and finally found the name of Patton, very faintly traced in one corner.

"Patton," spoke he, "before you will enter the Kingdom of Heaven you must go to Purgatory for 9999 years. The charge against you is harsh language to your superiors, insubordination, and hazing the Freshmen."

Whereupon, Patton vanished.

Just then St. Peter caught sight of a retiring figure on the edge of the crowd. "Hah," cried he, "let that modest young man approach."

The fellow did so. "Who art thou, and what do you want?"

"Pray, kind sir, I want to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. I am Charles Rastus Dusenberry of Flint, Michigan, U. S. A."

"Enter! You are a man among gods. Next! What do you want?"

"My name is SWANSON. I, too, have come to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. I'm the man who—I never did a haughty thing in my life; I made the Maroon and Cream a success; I'm the guy that put the pep in pepper; I am the greatest man that ever lived in the U.P.; I am—"

"Here, here!" cried St. Peter. "We don't allow people to tell the truth before these gates. You are a great person, all right, but I rather think that you would do more good among the ones lower down. Heaven would never be able to quite understand you. Mr. Swanson, be on your way."

Then up stepped a fine appearing man, possibly THE man of his time, Russell H. Wilson, ex-dish wiper of the U. S. Navy.

"Magnanimous and most reverential sir," began Russell in his best oratorical manner, "does my record admit me to the world beyond?"

"Wilson— Ah, yes. Here is the name. It is a black villain you are. The record under your name is as black as the pit from pole to pole. How dare you, villain, to come in my presence? Away, and be gone to the darker regions!"

"But—I was editor of the Almanian. I never did a deed that I regretted in all my life."

"The Almanian will not save you this time. Let me tell you, Wilson, that you associated too long while on earth with that printer's devil, Shrier. A man can't get away with that stuff. A devil's a devil."

The "devil" rushed up.

"Oh, Saint Peter," he cried. "Let

me go to the darker regions in place of dear Russell."

"No! because you are going there anyway. Beat it from my presence!" They vanished.

"Let Mr. Ainsworth step forward, if he is among you. I have waited long for him."

Ainsworth came up, tickled to death to be so called upon by the great saint. Up he stepped, cocky and full of vigor. He made as if to pass by and enter Heaven.

"Ainsworth," called the saint, as Howard was about to run by, "stop! You will not enter there. Quite the opposite. I am only glad to see you because I have wanted to know what kind of a wicked man you were. Ainsworth, your record is so black that I hesitated to tell you what it looks like. A great man you were—an instructor in cussology. A very devil in Pioneer Hall. . . . Now that I have had a look at you, you may pass on."

Howard was like a man turned to stone.

"But—you must be wrong. I never did anything, except—except that people said I was a 'devil' with the women."

"That's quite enough," Peter snapped.

Howard, too, vanished in a flash of glory.

Next to confront the saint were the two rascals from Europe, Pelmont and Dawydoff.

"Do either of you smoke?" asked Peter.

"I make no smoke," said Pelmont, "but Alex, he smokes."

"Lie!" snapped Alex in righteous anger. "I never smoked a cigarette in my life; in fact I never saw one. For that insult I will make you cold!"

"Yah, come on I will make my whiskers fly from your face!"

"Here, here," cried St. Peter, catching Alex. "Don't fight. You are both right. However, I can't let you into the Kingdom of Heaven. I'll send you to Purgatory for a couple million years, then if at the end of that time you have gotten rid of that plaster of whiskers, I'll let you come to a level higher up. Hie thee."

And they were gone.

The band had grown smaller. There were now sixteen of them. Yet it was plain to be seen that Saint Peter was growing tired. Never before had he dealt with such a large group of bone-heads.

At that critical moment, Mr. Wenger stepped forward and spoke in behalf of himself and others.

"Most high saint," said he, "the remaining men in this bunch are the finest of men, myself included. While I was marshal at Alma College, I am proud to say that not one of these gentlemen did an unmanly act, myself included. They acted perfect at all times. Not once did I have to speak to one of them, except probably to Burke for roughness, or Dickie for being too pious. They are all gentlemen, sir, myself included. So in view of this proved fact, I hope that you let us enter through the gates without further parley."

"Mr. Wenger, you may be able to rule Alma College, but you can't rule me. Forty-five for you, and a quick descent."

"Let Vaughan, Dickie, Hartwick, and Shadow Foster step forward and enter the gates. They, whom I call, have perfect records. I will be pleased to associate with such perfect fellows in the future."

(Continued next week)

ENGINEERING CLUB

The first meeting of the Engineering Club Thursday evening, December 8, aroused considerable interest among the students pursuing engineering work on the campus. About fifteen men responded. With these, and others who were unable to attend, as a nucleus, it is thought that the club has a successful future assured. The purpose of the organization is to discuss engineering problems and practices in such a manner that the work will be of material benefit to the student who is interested in engineering as a life work.

A permanent organization was not effected at the first meeting, but Donald Sullivan was elected to act as chairman until the election of permanent officers. A committee, consisting of Rathsburg, Roth and Wright, was appointed to draft a constitution to be presented and approved at the next meeting. This will be held Thursday, December 15, at 7:15 p. m. in the mathematics room. It is hoped that everyone interested in engineering will attend.

Kalamazoo College is planning an expansion program which includes a number of new buildings. The American Baptist Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies have begun a national campaign to raise six million dollars for benevolent purposes. The women of Michigan are supporting the movement on condition that the first hundred and fifty thousand raised in this state be devoted to the building of a women's dormitory at Kalamazoo.

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Maur—"What was that?"

Roth—"Don't bite the hand that's
feeding you."

The appearance of a skim of ice
on the Pine makes it our duty to
notify Vreeland that it is about time
for his annual bath.

Minnie—"Oh, girls, Bob is back
again."

Ha Ha—"And he doesn't look the
least bit sick either."

May Be Necessary

"Who is in charge of arrangements
for the Disarmament Conference in
Washington?"

"I don't know. Why?"

"Somebody ought to tip them off
to frisk the delegates for concealed
weapons."—Judge

"I can't see what she sees in him."
"Oh! You should see the wonderful
ties he wears."

"I see, it is the tie that binds."

"Crit"—"Dick where are you go-
ing?"

"Dick"—"Hunting."

"Crit"—"What for?"

"Dick"—"Money. I'm on the cent!"

Shroyer—"It looks as if the girls
will have to wear longer dresses
soon."

H. C.—"Just what I expected after
all this agitation about disarma-
ment."

Prof. Beausang—"I can't imagine
why the women wear such short
skirts."

"Uncle Charlie"—"Oh, that makes
it that much easier for them to run
for office."

STUDENT COUNCIL

A regular meeting of the Student
Council was held Monday, Dec. 5.
After roll call, the minutes of the
previous meeting were read and ap-
proved.

A report from the committee of the
third society for men was read.

A motion was made and seconded
that this report be accepted. Carried.

A motion was made and seconded
that the committee submit a plan to
the two societies concerning a possi-
ble way in which the third society
might have the advantage in taking
in new members next year. Carried.

A resignation from Miss Cash as
a member of student council, was
read.

A motion was made that this resig-
nation be accepted. Carried.

A petition from the yell master, re-
questing the Student Council to pay
expenditures made in interest of col-
lege spirit during the football season
was read.

A motion was made and seconded
that this bill be paid. Carried.

Motion was made and seconded that
the petition from the Sophomores to
hold a dance December 17 be granted.
Carried.

Motion was made and seconded that
the petition of the Athletic Associa-
tion to hold a dance Friday, December
9, be granted. Carried.

Motion was made and seconded that
the president of the Student
Council be authorized to select a date
on which certain members of
the council should give to the Student
Body something of the council's his-
tory and aims. Carried.

Motion was made and seconded that
a committee of three be appointed,
with the secretary of the Council as
chairman, to draw up a statement
of the activities of the council and to
submit same to the president of Alma
College, and through him submit it
to the board of trustees. Carried.

A brief report of the disciplinary
committee was given.

A motion was made and seconded
that this report be accepted.

Adjournment.

PHI PHI ALPHA

The regular meeting of the Phi Phi
Alpha Literary Society was held in
the society room Monday night, Dec.
5th, with President Williams presid-
ing. The meeting opened with prayer
by John Wright.

The society decided to hold the an-
nual Phi-Philo party at the earliest
possible date.

After the business session, Phi Phi
Alpha gave its attention to the pro-
gram of the evening. C. Hendershot
gave a very interesting paper on the
subject, "Recent Developments at
the Washington Conference." Im-
promptus on the subject, "Open Shop
vs. Closed Shop" were given by Free-
man, Boyce and Bently.

The society then gave its attention
to the initiating of J. Brad Sartor.

The meeting closed with a few
"peppy" songs led by R. Gordon
Boyce.

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